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U.S. ARMS FOR TAIWAN BASES DEAL PROPOSED

Truman asks Chiefs of Staff to study plan

MOVE TO CHECK REDS

Washington, January 2.

President Truman has asked the Joint Chiefs of Staff to study a proposed arms for bases deal to keep Taiwan out of Communist hands, it was learned today.

The plan was advanced in Congressional circles to thwart the expected Communist attempt to seize the last real stronghold of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist government.

The plan, which originated at the capital, would have the United States obtain a long-term lease of one or more bases on the strategic island that is the Chinese Nationalist government's real stronghold against the advancing Red armies.

The backers of the plan believe it might deter the Chinese Communists from launching their expected amphibious assault on Taiwan. They think it might silence Republican criticism of the administration's "wait and see" policy in China.

The plan was delivered to President Truman on Thursday. He is reported to have looked it over with interest and then passed it along to his diplomatic and military advisers for detailed study.

Taiwan lies about 100 miles off the China coast and only 400 miles from the United States air and naval base at Okinawa. It is almost directly athwart the United States Japan-Okinawa-Philippines defence line in the Pacific.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff are understood to have revised sharply their earlier opinion that seizure of Taiwan would be of little consequence strategically. General MacArthur is said to be deeply concerned according to touring Congressmen.

Opposed use of U.S. troops

President Truman is reported standing pat against any use of American troops to try to block the Communists from Taiwan, adds an Associated Press despatch from Washington.

It is understood, however, that such a decision would not preclude continued economic help and political support, as well as advisory assistance, to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in his fight against expected Communist attempts to take over the island.

There were rumours some Congressmen had proposed the President seek a deal with Chiang whereby Americans would take over air bases on the island in exchange for limited U. S. military aid.

Senator Tom Connally, Texas Democrat and chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, said yesterday that he had heard of these reports. He had no further comment.

The Administration's opposition to the use of troops is understood to be based on two points. One is the State Department argument that such action could be criticised throughout the Western Pacific as an Imperialist move and thus would cost this nation greatly in influence.

The other point is that the Joint Chiefs of Staff have ruled that Taiwan is not of sufficient strategic importance to warrant use of American forces in holding it although it is important enough to try to save by other means.

99-Year lease for arms aid

The plan handed to President Truman envisages a lease of perhaps 99 years by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in return for limited and American-supervised arms aid. The backers said it has these advantages:

1. Republican criticism of the Far Eastern policy probably would be nipped at a time when it threatens to break out into out-right opposition to Senator Arthur Vandenberg's Republican foreign policy leadership and the administration's own programmes abroad.

2. A Taiwan base under the United States flag might deter a Communist assault against the island. It would be "showing the flag" in a most formidable manner.

3. The touchy question of American meddling in Chinese internal affairs would not be involved because the Nationalist government would sign the lease in return for arms aid from the special US$75,000,000 appropriation.

Supporters of the plan claim it has precedent in President Roosevelt's famous pre-World War II swap of 50 over-age destroyers to Britain for long-term leases for naval bases on eight British Western Hemisphere possessions.

The backers said they are confident their proposal on Taiwan would win strong and immediate support. They pointed out that Republican Senator Robert Taft has said he would favour sending out United States naval units to Taiwan waters to deter a Communist assault. Senator Taft also suggested that the United States "might establish on Taiwan a United States naval base such as this country maintains on Okinawa and the Philippines."

Admiral Forrest Sherman, Chief of Naval Operations, has informed one Senator that he would regard any extensive naval establishment on Taiwan as duplication of the facilities already available on Okinawa. But Sherman was reported to be enthusiastic about American efforts to keep Taiwan out of Communist hands.

Red warning on Taiwan

The Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party warned that one of the main tasks confronting the Chinese Communist army in 1950 will be not to allow "the aggressive forces of American Imperialism" to gain a foothold in Taiwan or elsewhere in China, adds another United Press report.

The New Year message, broadcast by the Peking radio, was addressed to the Chinese Communist army and the Chinese people. It hailed "the glorious historic victory" of the past year, and outlined the tasks for the coming year.

During the coming year, the army must "liberate Taiwan, Hainan and Tibet, annihilate the last remnants of Chiang Kai-shek's forces, and not allow the aggressive forces of American Imperialism gain any foothold in our territory."

The official New China News Agency, in its new-year commentary pointed out that the Chinese Communists are facing "greatest difficulties in the fiscal field for 1950," according to the same broadcast.

The commentary accused the United States of aiding the Nationalists to hold Taiwan for eventually counter-attacking the mainland.—United Press and Associated Press.

Nationalists shell river boat, kill 10

Unconfirmed reports from Canton yesterday claimed that Nationalist blockading gunboats shelled the Hong Kong based Chinese river boat Kwei Wah on Boxing Day.

The reports said that more than 10 crew and passengers were killed.

The river boat was fired at while on its voyage from Macao to Canton.

The Kwei Wah was forced to stop to allow a naval party aboard. The entire cargo was confiscated before the river boat was allowed to continue it trip to Canton.

Soviet loan to Peking considered

London, January 2.

Marshal Stalin is considering giving a loan to Communist China. This was disclosed in a Tass interview with Mr. Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Chinese Communist Government, which was received in London early today.

Mr. Mao Tse-tung, who has been in Moscow since mid-December, said that he was also discussing with Marshal Stalin the strengthening of the Treaty of Friendship, signed between the Government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Russia in 1945, and the signing of a trade treaty.

Mr. Mao Tse-tung will remain in Russia "for several weeks," his stay depending on how long it will take the settle "questions of interest to the People's Republic of China."

The military situation in China, Mr. Mao Tse-tung said, "is proceeding well."

"At the present time the Communist Party and the Central People's Government are going over to peaceful economic reconstruction," he added.

Before he returns to China, Mr. Mao Tse-tung will visit several districts and cities in the USSR to become more closely acquainted with the economic and cultural construction of the Soviet State. —Reuter.

BANDITRY IN ERITREA

London, January 2.

More British troops were being moved into Eritrea, which showed signs of developing into "another Malaya," said a message from Asmara in today's "Daily Mail". Its correspondent, Alan Humphreys, referred to the "sudden increase in armed banditry" in Eritrea and said that the activities of these "bandits" had recently assumed a "dangerous political tinge."—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) pressure is low to the SE of Indo-China and over the Philippines, and a trough extends Northwards over Okinawa to Kyushu. Pressure is relatively high over China.

Today's Forecast:—Light winds from an E quarter, cloudy with fog on the coast during the morning.

Yesterday's Weather:—

Maximum: 73.5 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 65.0 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 6.1 hours.
Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—Trace as against an average of 2.1 mm.=0.08 inch.

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Rel. Humidity	100	90 %
Dew Point	67	65 deg. F.
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Wind Force	0	12 knots

FRANCO'S DAUGHTER AND FIANCE

Carmencita Franco, 23-year-old daughter of Spain's Chief of State, is seen with her fiance, Spanish physician Marques de Villaverde. They will wed on March 19. This picture was made during a reception in Franco's Pardo Palace in Madrid when the engagement was announced. (AP Photo).

U.S. seamen will man Flying Arrow on Shanghai run

Officers and men of the American merchant ship, ss. Flying Arrow, said yesterday that they would man their ship into Shanghai if ordered to do so.

One officer out of the 12 on board has left the ship with his belongings, but has not signed off.

The Flying Arrow, which belongs to the Hans Isbrandtsen Company of New York, is expected to leave Hong Kong for Shanghai on Wednesday.

The ship has loaded more than 6,000 tons of high grade general cargo, including caustic soda, drums of petroleum, and bales of cotton, since she arrived in the harbour last Wednesday.

Four National Maritime Union Delegates of another Isbrandtsen ship, the ss. Brooklyn Heights, will consult an officer of the Hong Kong American Consulate today.

At a special meeting of the more than 40 members of the Brooklyn Heights crew on board ship yesterday afternoon the delegates were instructed to determine the status of American seamen who manned American ships trading with Shanghai.

The second Isbrandtsen ship is to leave Hong Kong two days after the ss. Flying Arrow for Shanghai.

However, the majority of the crew said yesterday that they would like to sign off the Shanghai-bound ship in Hong Kong if they could do so legally.

The National Maritime Union Steward's Department delegate Mr. D. Maxwell, said that he was on the Flying Arrow, and if the ship went to Shanghai, he would go along.

He added: "We have an agreement with this company which we signed in New York. We have signed articles to go to Shanghai.

"If the Company tells us to go, in view of the situation there now, we will go.

Not vital

"However, as far as I am concerned, this is not wartime—it is not vital that this ship trade with Shanghai now—and if I could be signed off in Hong Kong without prejudice and sent back to the United States at Company expense, I would do that."

On December 20, the Nationalist Government informed the American State Department that they were mining the Communist-held Chinese ports.

The Flying Arrow's national Maritime Union ship delegate, Mr. Paul Clark said that it was true that not one man on board was anxious to go to Shanghai.

He added: "But, we are members of the NMU, and will not break our contract or shipping articles by refusing to carry out our agreement.

"Newspaper reports that any of the crew will flatly refuse to take this ship to Shanghai are erroneous."

Mr. Clark said that the members of the crew objected very strongly that the State Department had not clarified the legal situation on American ships trading with Communist-held Chinese ports.

He added: "If the American Government allows ships to enter Shanghai, then it is only right that the Government provide protection for men like us who have to take the ships there."

Report denied

Five officers sent reassuring cables back to their wives or families in the United States yesterday saying that reports that they were being held on the ship at gun-point or by force were false.

Mr. David Jones, Master of the Flying Arrow, said yesterday morning that there was only one revolver on board and that the report was ridiculous.

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Nationalist Government optimistic

Taipeh, January 2.

The Nationalist Chinese Government is today highly optimistic over its chances of getting American financial and diplomatic assistance plus the help of a military mission and the initial scepticism over the possibility of the United States reversing its policy of "writing off" China has been replaced by solid hopes.

The Foreign Minister, George Yeh, said Ambassador Wellington Koo still is lacking in official communications from the State Department on the White House conference but his reports to the Foreign Office warrant optimism.

Mr. Yen said "We are in constant contact with Dr. Koo but so far there is not the slightest indication from the State Department on the outcome of the conference."

Mr. Yeh added that his Government hopes that it a military mission is sent its freedom of action in accomplishing real results will not be limited.

Associates of Chiang Kai-shek say he is still ready to stand by his pledge to Ambassador J. Leighton Stuart to give an American military personage all the powers he himself possesses to take over and administer the Chinese armed forces.—United Press.

Tram workers ask for continued negotiations, quote "China Mail" editorial

Expressing their wish to continue negotiations with the tramways management, representatives of the Hong Kong Tramways Workers Union sent a letter to Mr. F. W. Simmons, General Manager of the Hong Kong Tramways Company.

In the letter, three measures in which the workers agree to conduct in settling the dispute, were quoted from the editorial of the "China Mail" dated December 29, 1949.

The measures were:

"1) Resumption of negotiations and mediation, 2) restoration of services on a normal basis while negotiations proceed, and 3) devising of machinery to deal with other disputes and head off possible deadlocks and dangerous delays."

A new proposal was also offered to Mr. Simmons in the letter. The proposal was that both the management and the workers should either invite the Government or select some prominent residents to mediate between the two parties.

In conclusion, the tramways workers said that it is their wish that the dispute will have a reasonable ending shortly.

There was no change in the labour situation over the week-end, but important developments are expected this week, now that the holidays are over.

It was learned on reliable authority, though it could not be officially confirmed, that Government may take a hand in helping to bring about a settlement of the 10-day-old tram dispute.

It is believed that the tram workers would be urged to agree to settlement by arbitration as the only possible solution, since the viewpoints of the two sides are clearly irreconcilable.

May take over

The advice would be tinged by a warning that failing agreement to this course of settlement, Government might have to take over and run the service itself, as it could not allow a public utility service serving so large a proportion of the community to remain idle indefinitely.

The passing of emergency regulations by Government on Friday last was pointed out as being linked to the proposed Government action.

Meanwhile the locked-out tramway men tightened their belts over the week-end as they refused to draw their pay on Friday on Union instructions.

Their vigil against possible attempts to run the trams by non-union men was increased, as reports got about that a skeleton service would be run by inspectors as motormen this week.

Rejection by the China Bus Company of their men's demand for a $3-a-day extra allowance on Saturday, did not produce the explosion that many had expected. The bus men have decided to postpone action until after their representatives have seen the management again today to see if its decision would be reconsidered.

From other sources it was learned that agreement among the bus workers on parallel action was far from being unanimous. Some of the drivers, old hands of the Company, were reluctant to become involved in the movement and continued to work overtime in defiance of Union order.

Other demands

Support for the tramway men from other labour unions has so far taken the form of similar demands on their respective managements for, in most cases, an identical extra cost of living allowance, all of which have been categorically rejected. What further action these unions will take is so far uncertain.

In the meantime, with no action taken by Government to intervene in the dispute, agitation has spread to other branches of workers.

The dock workers of the Royal Naval Dockyard are the latest to decide on presenting a similar demand on their employers for an extra allowance of HK$3-a-day, and their outcry is being taken up by workers of the two commercial shipyards—the Taikoo Dock and the Hong Kong and Whampao Dock. Among the three dockyards a total of nearly 12,000 men are employed.

Workers of the Hong Kong and Yaumati Ferry Company and the Waterworks have also been approached by the affected utility workers, but so far they have not mustered a sufficient number of the waterworks men to join in the movement.

Workers of the Hong Kong Electric Company will hold a general meeting this evening to decide on what next step they should take, following rejection of their demand by the management.

The telephone workers, whose demand was also rejected, said they would, as a last alternative, present their ultimatum, but the time has not yet been set, pending completion or preparatory work.

The Kowloon Motor Bus Workers, who had decided to back up their counterparts on the island by making a similar demand on their management, may present their demand today or tomorrow.

Nationalists complete mining

Taipeh, January 2.

A Nationalist Navy official said today that the mining of China coastal waters had been completed "with considerable effectiveness."

He said the Nationalists had despatched a "bigger force" to watch the mouth of the Yangtse River off Shanghai for blockade runners.

He warned that foreign vessels proceeded at "great risk" if they did not heed Nationalist warnings of the mining and blockade.

Neither the United States nor Britain recognises the blockade officially, although the U.S. State Department has warned American ships that the waters off Shanghai are dangerous. Ship captains have been advised by the American State Department they may lose their licences if they take their ships into Communist Shanghai.—Associated Press.

Thieves loot offices of Luna Park

Thieves robbed the offices of Luna Park Limited, the new amusement resort on North Point, of several thousand dollars in cash early yesterday morning.

They broke a window to gain access, and ransacked a safe where money was kept.

The exact amount of the loss was not determined yesterday, but an official of the organisation told the "China Mail" it may reach several thousand dollars.

At the time of the robbery only a watchman was on the premises, the staff having gone home.

Police took the case in hand immediately after an alarm was sounded when the theft was discovered later in the day, and at press time yesterday were pursuing investigations with good hope of some arrests.

Mr. Al Richardson, Luna Park general manager, had no statement to make when contacted by a "China Mail" reporter.

Police investigating the robbery believe the case to be somewhat complicated, but are acting on the assumption that "insiders" are involved.

Luna Park, Hong Kong's $7,000,000 entertainment centre, opened for business 10 days ago.

Heavily guarded by a police unit during the day, the Park is deserted after business hours.

TERRORISTS BOMB PENANG POWER STATIONS

Singapore, January 2.

Simultaneous hand grenade explosions in two power stations in a terrorist sabotage attempt in Penang plunged the island into a blackout for 30 minutes last night.

One Malay station attendant was slightly injured. Both installations were damaged.

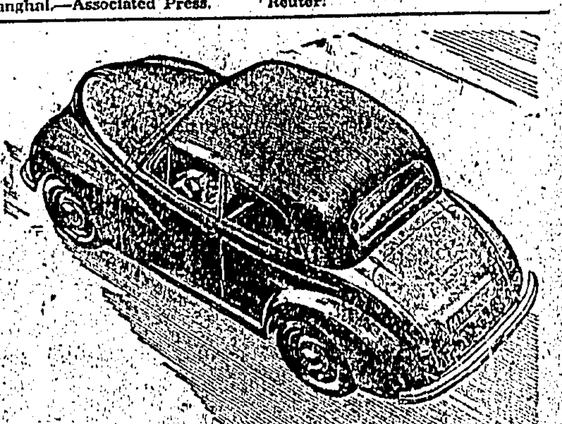
The police investigating the explosions had made no arrests up to late today.—United Press.

PAA SELLS CNAC INTEREST TO CAT

New York, January 2.

Pan-American Airways ended its 20-year air transport operation in China this week with the sale of its 20 per cent interest in the China National Aviation Corporation to Central Air Transport Incorporated, an airline controlled by Major-General Claire L. Chennault (retired).

Details of the sale were not immediately available in New York but it was understood that Pan-American's action had been taken after the Chinese National Government had sold its interest of 80 per cent to the company headed by General Chennault.—Reuter.



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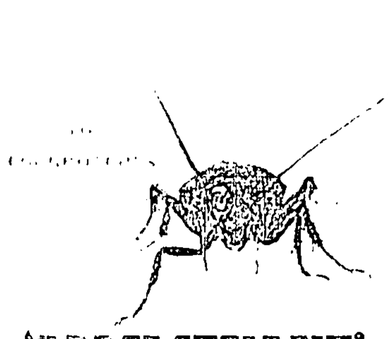

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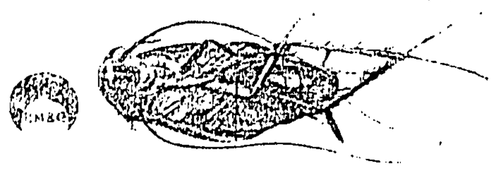

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New Year revellers fined

Four New Year's Eve revellers were fined by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday when they were brought before him on charges of behaving in a disorderly manner and discharging fireworks in a manner dangerous to the public.

Hector Choi, aged 19, of 4 Gilman Street, was fined $35 on a charge of disorderly conduct while under the influence of liquor.

Prosecution alleged that defendant on New Year's Eve was throwing firecrackers into the street on Jordan Road where he was seen by a police officer who told him to stop. Defendant refused and became abusive. He resisted so violently that it required two other European submarge to subdue him and take him to the hospital where he was examined and found to have been drinking.

Choi pleaded to answer a charge of discharging fireworks dangerous to the public. Chow Ng-chee of the Lok Ho Tung Hotel had his case had extracted.

Sung Wai-man, 203 Tong Mi Road, was fined $25 for the same offence.

For hawking fireworks without a permit and for discharging fireworks in dangerous manner, Li Leung, 36 Portland Street, was fined $10.

POKER PLAYERS FINED

Eleven taxi lines employees, arrested on room 402 Nathan Hotel on New Year's Eve and charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday on gambling, drew fines ranging from $20 to $200.

Defendants were playing a game of poker when police, Detective Sub-Inspector Dorman raided the hotel room and seized $80.20 and a gold bar worth $300.

Cheung Chi-ming, charged with keeping a gambling house was fined $200, while Chan Wing-him, owner of the gold bar was fined $50 and the gold was ordered to be returned to him. Failing to answer a gambling charge, Cheng Wing-kwong $25 bail was estreated.

A fine of $20 each was imposed on Yam Pui-sing, Lau Hong-shing, Chu Chi-kan, Li Ki-lee, Wong Chak-leung, To Yam-ngok, Sit Kuk-sang and Ng Wan-ching.

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS

An exhibition of Chinese paintings by Mr Wang Shang-i will be held at the Hotel Ceril beginning on Thursday. The exhibition, which will be held for two days, will be on view between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

BIRTH

LEE.—Born to Nora, wife of Robert E. Lee, at St. Paul's Hospital on January 2, a son.

U.S. seamen hold meeting

Seamen of the Isbrandtsen freighter Brooklyn Heights meet together with their National Maritime Union delegates at Kowloon Wharf to discuss ways and means of getting off the ship legally should she try to run the Shanghai blockade. The NMU delegates aboard the freighter will see the American Consul here this morning regarding their attitude towards running the Nationalist blockade. ("China Mail" Photo).

Better opportunity for trade seen

"It is a fact that no matter what form of government exists in a country, there is the necessity for development of her trade. We can therefore expect that better days and better opportunity for trade may be in store for us, probably in the very near future. This is a possibility; not mere whimsical imagination."

Thus spoke Mr. Ko Chuk-hung Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, at the annual year-end meeting of the Chamber held last week.

In a review of the Chamber's activities during 1949, Mr. Ko said he regretted that Hong Kong's trade in the past year was still experiencing difficulties, owing to the existing unfavourable condition.

"But time and condition may change and we have reason to be optimistic about the Hong Kong trade. We see that the general situation in China is now undergoing a great change," he declared.

Touching on routine work of the Chamber, Mr Ko said: "I am glad to report that my presence in the office every day has rendered much help and encouragement to the office staff, besides prompt directions and decisions in case of urgent matters thereby increasing the efficiency of the office work of the Chamber."

The Chairman went on: "It is always in my mind that the condition of our import and export trades must be improved in order to bring about greater prosperity in the Colony, and it is my hope that find ways and means to augment the volume of our import and export business."

BIF representation

On Hong Kong's representation at the British Industries Fair, Mr. Ko said: "We have already information of another British Industries Fair which will be held in May 1950, and in Canada a third International Trade Exhibition will take place in the same month. To both of the fairs, our Hong Kong merchants are welcomed for participation and since these fairs mean a great deal to us in the way of establishing closer business relationship between Hong Kong and the United Kingdom and between Hong Kong and Canada, it is therefore hoped that many of our members will participate in the fairs with the prospect of re-locating our interport trade in keeping with our object of improving the Hong Kong trade."

The chairman made some interesting remarks about a new London organisation called the Anglo-Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

"The organisation," Mr Ko added, "comprises both Chinese and English prominent merchants in London and the object of this establishment, according to Mr. Grimwood, Director of the Hong Kong Government office in London, is to build up more and better connections between China and the United Kingdom.

Of course, Hong Kong is one of their landmarks for directing their business communications. I think I may emphasise on the fact that since this Chamber has already made close contact with the Chamber in London, the the co-operation of these two Chambers will surely result in a very bright prospect for our mutual benefit in our interport trade, and I therefore want to draw your valuable attention to this co-operation."

PWD MAN HURT BY EXPLODING ROCKET

A rocket exploded in the right hand of Mr. H. A. Triggs, of the Public Works Department, on New Year's Day shortly after midnight.

He was about to let off the rocket on the ss. Mausang, in celebration of the New Year when the accident occurred.

He was so badly injured that his right hand and wrist had to be amputated at the hospital.

Nine local residents in New Year Honours List

Nine local residents were included in the New Year Honours List. Among them are Mr. Lo Man-wai, brother of Sir M. K. Lo, Mr. K. A. Bidmead, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Kowloon and New Territories), and Mr. T. R. Rowell, Director of Education.

The others are Mr. G. S. Wilson, Director of the Special Branch, Mr. Un Ting-fan, Mr. Au Kwok-leung, Mr. Ujagar Singh, Miss Maud Ward and Mrs. G.A. Leiper.

The awards with official brief notes on the recipients are:

CBE: Thomas Richmond Rowell. Mr. Rowell has served the Education Department for 27 years, and for more than three years has been Director of Education. He is thoroughly competent and handles most efficiently the various problems, particularly those which have arisen as a result of the war, which come his way.

OBE: Lo Man-wai. Mr. Lo has served as a member of the Urban Council since 1940, and has, in addition, been on many other Boards and Committees. His conscientious approach to problems, combined with his deep interest, balanced views and sound judgment, are of great value to those with whom he works.

MBE: Ujagar Singh. Mr. Ujagar Singh served the Crown under difficult and dangerous conditions in India, handling the expenditure of sums of money far in excess of those normally handled by an officer of his status. He carried out his assignment successfully and returned to his duties with the Treasury in Hong Kong.

Hospital matron

MBE: Miss Maud Ward. Miss Ward has served with the Nethersole Hospital since 1920, and became Matron of the hospital in 1928. She has done much, in particular in the training of Chinese nurses, and has served as an Examiner on the Nurses Board where her knowledge of Cantonese has been of great value.

MBE: Miss Sybil Mary Swift (now Mrs. G. A. Leiper). Mrs. Leiper has served the Education Department for 19 years, during which she has spared no efforts in the furtherance of physical education of girls in Hong Kong. Latterly she has had organisation work in addition to teaching.

MBE: Un Ting-fan. Mr. Un has served the Colony for more than 30 years. During the occupation he gave assistance to a committee in Macao which was considering the workings of the Urban Council on re-occupation of the Colony, and on his return to the Colony he established office routine for the Urban Council, pending the appointment of a Secretary and an Assistant Secretary.

MBE: Au Kwok-leung. Mr. Au retired from Government service shortly before hostilities in 1941, by which time he had reached the topmost grade of the Junior Clerical Service. He was re-engaged in 1941, and since the re-occupation has rendered most valuable service.

KPM for Distinguished Service: Kenneth Andrew Bidmead. Mr. Bidmead has shown zeal and courage in his command of the Kowloon and New Territories District as a police officer. He has inspired his men to a high degree of efficiency and has their confidence as well as that of the local population.

KPM for Distinguished Service: Geoffrey Studholme Wilson. Mr. Wilson has served well as a Police Officer. After special training he became Director of the Special Branch, where he tackled with zeal and intelligence the difficult task of reorganisation from old-fashioned methods to a modern system. His sane and balanced judgment is invaluable in duties.

Chief pilot of CATC returns from Peking

Captain Gordon Poon, chief pilot of the Central Air Transport Corporation who had flown a CATC Convair to the Chinese Reds in Peking on November 9, last year, returned from the North China city via Canton just before Christmas.

On Christmas Eve, local pro-Communist members of both CATC and China National Aviation Corporation gave a welcoming party to Mr. Poon.

During the party Mr. Poon told his colleagues that the situation in Communist China is satisfactory and the Communists are hoping that they will resume commercial flying in China shortly.

Court Brevities

On the application of Detective Sub-Inspector A. F. Cochrane a remand of three days was granted by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday in the case of Chan Ming-wah, aged 18 who was charged with indecent assault on a 13-year-old-girl on December 30.

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Wong Wang, aged 24, shop taki, was yesterday charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central for the possession of 150 heroin pills on a bus at Pokfulam on December 25. Defendant was remanded for two days.

Mr. Alfred Hon appeared for defendant and applied for bail. He said that defendant had been arrested for some time and there was only a small quantity of pills involved. Defendant was allowed bail of $750.

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Lam Chi-cho, aged 22, a destitute who tried to committed suicide on three occasions, was remanded for three days by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

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Tsang Siu, aged 22, Mak Pang, aged 36, Wong Kam, aged 18, Ho Kam, aged 23 and Lai Kai, aged 37, were charged with assaulting a police constable on duty on January 1 on the roof of 6 Gough Street.

Mr. J. C. Stewart appeared for all the defendants and pleaded not guilty. Defendants were each allowed bail of $1,000.

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Four Hong Kong Cotton Mills employees, Kwok Leung, Sui Kam-hing, Cheung Sai-kim and Si Wan-wai, were fined $10 each by Mr. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday for entering the Shek Lei Pui Reservoir closed area on Sunday. Defendants were arrested near the rapid gravity filter bed.

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On a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses, Chau Chau, unemployed, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and recommended for banishment by Mr. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

Chau, who represented himself as a sanitary coolie, was alleged to have obtained 10 cents from a stall holder in Fuk Street on Sunday. Complainant was overheard by a policeman to say to defendant: "You have collected money from me yesterday and you came again today".

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A ticket scalper with three previous convictions for the same offence was given the option of a fine of $250 or six weeks by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Defendant, Wong Ying was arrested on January 1 outside the Queen's Theatre with six tickets which he was offering for sale.

Mr. J. C. Stewart for the defendant said that defendant was born in Hong Kong and had a wife and two children.

Defendant regretted very much what he has done and promised not to do it again.

Defendant was also bound over in the sum of $250 for one year.

MR. & MRS. ATTLEE ACKNOWLEDGE GREETINGS

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Attlee have received a considerable number of Christmas and New Year greetings from Home and Overseas.

It was officially announced that they cannot answer all the kind messages personally, but to all who sent greetings they wish to send their warm thanks and best wishes for 1950.

Army personnel in Honours List

Two Army personnel serving in Hong Kong were included in the New Year Honours List.

The MBE has been awarded to Major (QM) C.J. Williams, 1st Bn. The Buffs; and the BEM has been awarded to S/Sgt W.E. Welch, Royal Signals, Hong Kong Signal Squadron.

Central Hospital opened

The Central Hospital, Hong Kong's newest nursing home, was officially opened last week.

It is situated in Stanton House, on Lower Albert Road, just next door to the Bishop's residence.

Run by Chinese doctors under a three-year contract, the Central Hospital permits private patients to consult their own medical advisers as well as be treated by them.

The Hospital was built on grounds surrendered by the Right Reverend Roland Hall, the Bishop of Hong Kong, after the need for more hospitals in the Colony became pressing with the influx of refugees from China.

First patients

It was under construction for many months.

Early last month the first patients were admitted when scaffoldings were not even removed.

There is a modern maternity ward in the building as well as an out-patients' department.

Charges range from $5 a day to $25, excluding meals.

Stanton House is six storeys high and modernly constructed. There is ample lighting and the colour scheme is ideally suited for recuperating patients.

An X-Ray Department is installed in the Hospital combining the latest in X-ray equipment procurable from Great Britain and the United States.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST MEETING

The Hong Kong Committee of the Youth For Christ, an interdenominational, international organisation seeking to present Christ to the youth of the world, held a preliminary meeting on Friday at the Cafe de Chine.

Plans were discussed for the holding of a series of meetings in Hong Kong at an early date, when it is expected that two representatives of the Youth For Christ Movement in New Zealand will arrive in Hong Kong from New Zealand.

It is hoped that the two New Zealanders, George Curie and David Jacobson, an ex-member of the air force, will remain on here for several weeks holding meetings both in Hong Kong and Kowloon.

Today the Hong Kong Committee of the Youth For Christ will hold a further meeting at the Cafe de Chine.

GLOUCESTER HOTEL INCIDENT

Two unidentified naval men celebrated the New Year on Sunday by throwing chairs from the eighth floor of Gloucester Hotel.

One hotel boy was injured when he tried to stop them. The men fled when more boys arrived to assist their colleague.

The crashing of chairs on the first floor landing at 3 a.m. woke up a number of residents.

FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

A traffic accident which took one life and injured another person occurred at Sassoon Road, near the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday.

The accident occurred when a lorry overturned. The injured man was immediately sent to the Queen Mary Hospital.

GOLD SEIZED

During a routine search of passengers alighting from the ss. Shengking at the Custodian Wharf at 5.45 p.m. yesterday, Revenue Officers found 20 bars of gold weighing 120 taels tied round the waist of one of them.

The vessel arrived from Kowloon yesterday morning.

The man will be charged with the illegal import of gold at Central this morning.

ARMED ROBBERY

More than $5,000 in cash and other articles were taken away by five robbers who held up the occupants of an un-numbered hut in Shamshuipo district last night.

Armed with three revolvers, the robbers succeeded in entering the hut which was in Fuk Pin Village near the Lok To Boarding House.

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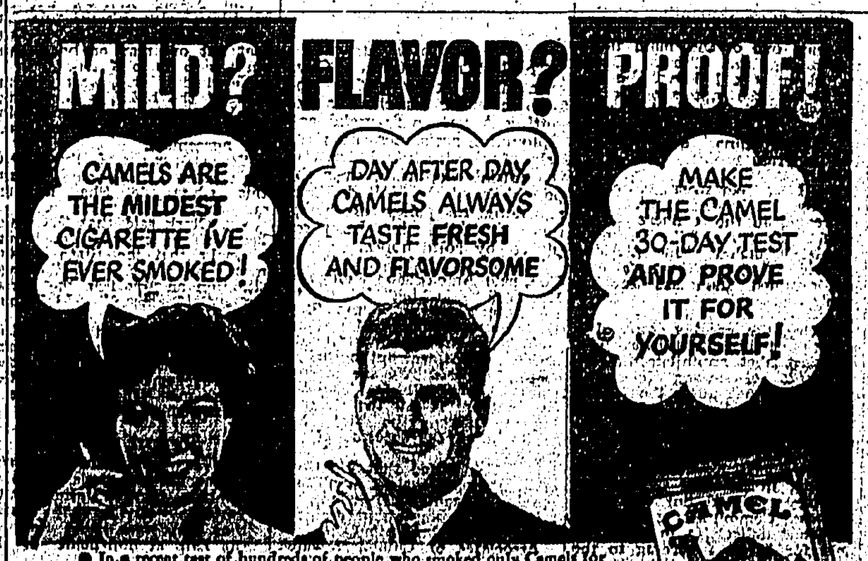

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Children's sports meeting at Kowloon Cricket Club

Excellent weather and sunshine favoured the 36th Annual Children's Sports gathering yesterday at the Kowloon Cricket Club which was colourfully flag-bedecked and arranged for the occasion.

At the conclusion of the games—throughout the whole of which resounded gay music and the laughter of children—Lady Grantham presented the prizes to the youthful winners of the various contests

The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, attended the gathering which is the second of such occasions held after the war, the first having been held last year, and which is under the patronage of the Governor.

The Combined Royal Marine Band of HMS Belfast and HMS Jamaica under the direction of Fleet Band Master A. E. Stagg provided the music.

After the last race, the children staged a Grand March with the Band and paraded before the Governor.

Results of the races and games are as follows:

Boys' events

Flat Race (over 11 and under 14) 1, Bernard Carnell; 2, Charles Stevens; 3, Ernest Greiner.

Boot Race (under 9) 1, Bobby Taylor; 2, Manuel Remedios.

Flat Race (Over 9 and under 11) 1, Michael Prew; 2, Douglas Ward; 3, William Moulem.

Sack Race (Over 9 and under 14) 1, Michael Prew; 2, Peter Coburn; 3, Timothy Martin.

Boot Race (Under 12)—1, Daniel Castro; 2, Tony Ablong; 3, Leslie Harvey.

Flat Race (Under 4) 1, Joao Guterres; 2, Harold Ng; 3, Tang Sou-yee.

Flat Race (Over 4 and under 6) -1, Paul Oliveira, 2, Fernando Remedios, 3, Ian Jones.

Potato Race (Under 12) -1, Roger Lloyd, 2, Bosco Ozorio, 3, Godfrey Yim.

Flat Race (Over 6 and under 8) 1, Thomas Chadd; 2, Hugh Allen; 3, Franklin Yim.

Tug-of-War (Over 8 and under 14) -Dennis McGrann, Joshua Waller, Anthony Djeng, Roger Tamlyn, Albert Carnell, Nigel Stevens, John Winterbottom, Bevan Brumwell, Edward Brumwell, David Brooks, Gerald McDougall, Stanley Wellington.

Three-legged Race (Under 12) 1, Charles and John Stevens, 2, Ernest Greiner and Emli Ulstrup; 3, Roger Lloyds and Bosco Ozorio.

Relay Race (Under 14)- Thomas Chadd, Johnny Bryant, Peter d'Almada, Bernard Carnell.

Old Crocks' Race (Over 45 and under 75) -1, Mr. Blenkinspo; 2, Mr Eastman; 3, Dr. Ng.

Girls' events

Flat Race (Over 11 and under 14) 1, Yvonne Cook; 2, Anita Rhelmish; 3, Deborah Hurbatt.

Skipping Race (Under 9) 1, Julietta de Souza; 2, Elsie Hurlow; 3, Heather Hindle.

Flat Race (Over 8 and under 11) 1, Molly Williams; 2, Sylvia Benjamin; 3, Diana Watkinson.

Potato Race (Under 12)--1, Cecilia Ozorio; 2, Georgina McDougall; 3, Maureen Djeng.

Egg and Spoon Race (Under 8) 1, Carol Djeng; 2, Angella Yeung; 3, Joan Conway.

Flat Race (Under 4) 1, Elizabeth Zimmern, 2, Laura Gabriel; 3, Irene Remedios.

Flat Race (Over 4 and under 6) -1, Tang Wai-chun, 2, Catherine Low; 3, Angeline Yeung.

Skipping Race (Over 9 and under 14)—1, Molly Williams; 2, Wendy Lee; 3, Chan Oi-yee.

Flat Race (Over 6 and under 8)—1, Carol Djeng, 2, Julietta da Souza; 3, Marla da Prata.

Musical Chairs (Under 12)—1, Rosalie Arzoonie; 2, Heather Hindle; 3, Maureen Colman.

Egg and Spoon Race (Over 8 and under 14)- -1, Sylvia da Souza; 2, Jill Jackson; 3, Patsy Quie.

Relay Race (Under 14)-- Mildred Chaun, Vivian Lytton, Nellie Clayson, Irene Huston.

Band Race: 1, Band Corporal Roberts; 2, Musician Gibson; 3, Musician Delph.

Reminders

Today

Urban Council meeting GPO Bldg., 4.15 p.m.

HK Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

[illegible] Kong, 9 p.m.

HK Choral Orchestra [illegible] Cathedral Hall, 8.15 p.m.

[illegible] Club, Wheat House, Morrison Parade Ground.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

[illegible] meeting, 50 Macdonnell Road, 7.30 p.m.

[illegible] Council meeting 2.30 p.m.

[illegible] SNCA Free Dancing [illegible] 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

[illegible] Club luncheon, [illegible] Hotel, 1.30 p.m.

[illegible] Hong Kong, [illegible] Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

[illegible] Choral Club, [illegible] Service.

[illegible] Church, Father Gould [illegible]

[illegible] Protection of [illegible] Cathedral Hall, 4.30 p.m.

Diplomatic conflict on China discussed in British papers

London, December 31.

The apparent conflict between British and American policy toward Communist China drew diplomatic comment in the "Times" and "Manchester Guardian" today, but received little space in the mass circulation dailies.

The Communist "Daily Worker" splashed reports that America would send arms and military advisers to Taiwan, Chiang Kai-shek's last strong hold, under the banner headline "America's Last Hour Bid To Grab China Base"

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian" [illegible] recent events and press [illegible] American views on China [illegible] seem to contain [illegible] long been surmised [illegible] that the United [illegible] no firm, coherent [illegible] to China.

"It would obviously make [illegible] of British and American action in this part of the world even harder," he said.

The "Manchester Guardian's" correspondent foresaw a situation in the Security Council where Britain would support admission of a representative of Communist China while the United States would oppose it. Though it had been clear for some time that such a situation would arise, it appears that little attempt has been made to concert Anglo-American action to meet it, he declared.

No part in it

Britain, after recognising the Communists, also clearly can take no part in the defence of Taiwan, the correspondent wrote, adding, "To what extent such an intervention by the United States might lead her armed forces into military action against the forces of a Government with which we were in normal diplomatic relations cannot be clearly foreseen, but the possibility that such actions might not be confined to the Island of Taiwan are obvious."

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Times" of London said that one unfortunate result of continuing American support for Nationalist resistance might be closer co-operation by the Peking Government with the Soviet Union.

He also referred to a possible awkward situation which might arise in the Security Council over the admission of Communist China, but added, "Presumably, however, the two Governments will take such precautions as are possible against running into difficulties that could prejudice the start of co-operation to help South-East Asia."

"In Taiwan, none need arise," he added. "The island is regarded by this country as an occupied territory, and the Government there, though it is in effect the Chinese Nationalist one, is regarded as a local authority set up by the Chinese on behalf of the Allied Powers at the time of the Japanese surrender."—Reuter.

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"Flying Finn" wins road race

Sao Paulo, January 1.

The "Flying Finn," Viljo Heino, holder of several world long distance records, won the 25th Sao Silvestre road race here.

As sirens screamed the hour of midnight Heino finished the 9,700-metre race and was mobbed by the excited crowd. Curtis Stone, of the United States, was second, and Oscar Moreira, of Uruguay, who won the 1947 race, came in third.

More than two thousand runners from towns and villages throughout Brazil as many well known athletes from the United States finished the course.

As Church bells rang in the New Year, thousands of people lined the stiff up-and-down course. The race started in the outskirts of Sao Paulo and, after winding through the heart of the city, finished in front of the Newspaper offices of "A Gazeta," which sponsored the race.

Specially lighted streets were roped off and the New Year traffic was paralysed. Hundreds of police were standing by to control the crowds, which gathered hours before the start of the race.

The Argentine runner, Reinaldo Gorno, who is South America's Champion, led for most of the race but Heino, Stone and Moreira were always within striking distance and the Finn did not go into the lead until near the finish.—Reuter.

Britain breaks off loan negotiations

London, January 2.

Britain's Government-owned Colonial Development Corporation broke off negotiations for a $5,000,000 loan from the International Bank today saying it could not agree on terms.

No specific reasons were given by the Corporation, which was seeking credit to buy special equipment from the U. S. to promote economic development in about 20 of Britain's far-flung colonies.

A statement by the Corporation merely said its negotiating board "felt unable to accept certain of the provisions of the Bank's standard form of agreement, especially the non-financial covenants contained therein."

Although the statement did not mention what non-financial covenants the British found objectionable, the terms generally have to do with granting the International Bank, as creditor, certain supervisory authority over use of the money loaned.—Associated Press.

DROBNY HAS NO REGRETS

Adelaide, January 1.

The Czech tennis player, Jaroslav Drobny, tonight denied that he had written a letter saying that he was sorry he had fled into exile.

The letter, he said, appeared in the Communist-controlled Prague journal, Mlada Fronta, over his name. "It is all lies and just another example of Communist propaganda," added Drobny, who also denied that he was talked into deciding not to return home.

He accepted full responsibility for his decision. "I am perfectly happy in Australia and have no wish to return to Czechoslovakia," he said.—Reuter.

CHILDREN'S PARTY AT PRC

The first postwar Children's Party of the Police Recreation Club was held yesterday at their Club house at Happy Valley.

The members of the Police Force turned up in good numbers with their children and a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

At the conclusion, the children present each received a parcel from the Club. Tea was served during the afternoon.

Picture taken after the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert James Joseph Spurr. The bride is the former Miss Cecilia Maria dos Passos. ("China Mail" Photo).

Thought control in Communist China

(EDITOR'S NOTE: United Press staff correspondent Chang Kuo-sin recently arrived in Hong Kong after spending eight months in Communist China. As a Chinese he was permitted not only to travel through the countryside, but he also had a unique opportunity to meet and talk with all classes of people about the great new experiment now under way in China. The following is the first of a number of articles examining every facet of Chinese life under the Communists and describing in detail the reaction of 475,000,000 people to their new government.)

(By CHANG KUO-SIN)

As a prerequisite to their ultimate aim of creating a totalitarian China, the Chinese Communists have embarked initially on a programme of controlling thought and action. They are doing three things to achieve this control.

1—Control of the press, publications and education.

Communist policy is to have only one press in China—the official press, though for reasons of political expediency privately-owned newspapers are permitted. Prominent among these are the "Hsin Min Pao" and "Ta Kung Pao" with however, Communists in the editorial chairs.

Under the new ideolgy the Communists' own newspapers, such as the "Peoples' Daily" in Peking and the "Emancipation Daily" in Shanghai. They are the peoples' papers and since only one paper is sufficient to serve the needs of the people other kinds of papers are not necessary.

In theory the Communists permit a free press and the freedom of factual reporting and criticism, but in actual practice the press is rigidly controlled to serve their political purpose even at the sacrifice of factual reporting.

Vital weapon

The newspaper, in the eyes of the Communists, is a vital political weapon. Chinese reporters working on the Communist newspapers told this correspondent the difference between reporting under the Communists and in the democratic West is this: Under the Communists the reporter first has to find a political purpose, and then go out to gather news and write it in such a way as to promote that political purpose.

The freedom of the newspaper or other kinds of public criticism, permitted theoretically by the Communists, is strangled in practice by the requirement that the criticism must be "constructive," that the critic must have good intentions and a thorough understanding of the problem before he speaks his mind. This requirement is open to varied interpretations.

Excepting a few privately-owned publications, all other newspapers and magazines, even including those which had pursued a pro-Communist editorial line under the Nationalists, were banned.

The popular Chinese pro-Communist "Observer" weekly in Shanghai was permitted to resume publication only after three months of arduous negotiations, one of the Communist conditions, which the publisher accepted, was that the weekly's editorial office be shifted to Peking to ensure proficient Communist control. The publisher was also required to set up a seven-man editorial committee, consisting of Communist-trusted persons, to examine the articles before they were printed.

The Shanghai "Ta Kung Pao," which formerly was known as the best independent Chinese daily, is also now under the control of the Communists. One of the changes which the Communists made in its traditional editorial policy is to bring editorials of the official New China News Agency on the front page. The old editorial staff made an attempt to resist this change, but to no avail.

Only the news service of the New China Agency and the Soviet Tass Agency are made available to the newspapers. Consequently their contents are similar every day.

State monopoly

Publication of books is now virtually a state monopoly in the hands of the Communist new China Book Publishing Company. There are several small privately-owned publishing houses, but like the privately-owned newspapers they are controlled by the Communists. The New China Company now has 378 branches. A plan has been mapped out to expand the company to the extent of having one branch in every hsien (county) in China.

Education is controlled through the appointment of teachers and professors and the alteration of the curriculum. Political courses are included in the curriculum even for primary schools. In universities, Communist leader Mao Tse-tung's New Democracy, the history of social development and Marxist dialectics are compulsory courses for all, even for engineering students.

English translation of Mao Tse-tung's speech on "The people's Democratic Dictatorship" on July 1, 1949, is now the first lesson in freshman English.

Communist control in this field is so rigidly enforced that in areas where Communist rule had been firmly established no one can now teach or write or publish as he himself sees fit, or express his personal opinions in any other public way without the approval of the Communists. As a result, many observers describe the Communist freedom of expression as the freedom to praise, but not to criticise.

2.—Regimentation of social life. This is being achieved through the organisation of many kinds of societies and reorganisation of existing ones, covering all ages and walks of life. They are designed eventually to herd each and every Chinese into some sort of state-controlled body.

Children, when they are nine years old, may enter the children's corps, where they stay until they are 19 years old. Then they join the "New Democracy" Youth Corps. After the Youth Corps, they are regimented into the association of the profession which has been chosen for a livelihood.

Labour unions

The Communists are laying special emphasis on the labour unions. House servants are also organised into unions and even business guilds are now gradually being brought under state control.

In places where regimentation of social life had been carried out to an advanced stage, it is virtually impossible for a man who is not a member of one of the state-controlled organisations to earn a living.

3.—Political indoctrination. This is the policy into which the Communists are presently putting most of their energies, because in their eyes its success is essential to the consolidation of Communist rule in China.

It is being done through the so-called "Learning Movement." Learning classes are conducted in all schools, factories, government offices and public organizations which have been brought under official control. Communist representatives stationed in these organizations make the encouragement of learning their first duty.

The "Learning Movement" is designed to make each and every Chinese a political supporter of the Communist regime. It teaches Marxism, Leninism and Mao Tse-tung's political theories.

Its chief precepts at this initial stage are: 1. Communism is the perfect and only democratic system and the best solution for all evils; 2. Soviet Russia is China's only true friend and not an imperialistic power; and 3. The United States is an imperialistic country and therefore China's enemy. Another purpose of the "Learning Movement" is to acquaint the people with, and convince them of the wisdom, of current policies.

Even university professors are required to attend "learning" classes, although some of them know more about Marxism and Leninism than the average Communists. Political indoctrination is the first prerequisite to getting a job with the Communists.—United Press.

U.S. seamen will man Flying Arrow on Shanghai run

(Continued From Page 1)

He added: "However, I have issued orders that only a skeleton crew will be in exposed positions on board the ship when we enter the danger area of the Yangtse."

Two Isbrandtsen ships, the ss. Sir John Franklin and the ss. Flying Cloud were shelled last month by Chinese Nationalist warships at the mouth of the Yangtse River.

Both of the ships were badly hit though they managed successfully to break the blockade.

Ever since the Nationalist Government proclaimed Shanghai a closed port, the United States has told American shipping firms that they proceed in those waters at their own risk.

The Isbrandtsen line is the only American shipping firm which sent vessels in defiance of the State Department's warning.

The head of the National Maritime Union in New York, Mr. Joseph Curran, urged the men of the Flying Arrow to protest to the American State Department about the intended Shanghai trip yesterday.

The crew will hold a special meeting today to consider Mr. Curran's suggestion.

Meanwhile, United Press add in a despatch from Washington a State Department spokesman yesterday confirmed that United States Consul-General in Hong Kong had been notified to give immediate attention to the discharge request of crewmen aboard the Isbrandtsen ship Flying Arrow at Hong Kong.

The press secretary, Mr. Michael McDermott, said the Consul had been told to inform Mr. Irr Brown, third engineer on the ship, that his family would wire him money to return to the United States. Mr. Brown is one of the crewmen who are reported unwilling to serve aboard the Flying Arrow if she attempts to run the Nationalist blockade.

Weddings

Spurr—dos Passos

A wedding took place yesterday at the Rosary Church, Kowloon, when Miss Cecilia Maria dos Passos became the bride of Herbert James Joseph Spurr.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. Jose dos Passos and Mrs. Maria Botelho dos Passos and the bridgroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Holliday (stepfather).

The ceremony was officiated by the Reverend Father D'Angelis.

The bride who was given away in marriage by her brother, Mr. E.F. dos Passos, wore a heavy white satin gown with a long train cut on Princess lines with seeded-pearl embroideries and a Russian princess-style tiara embroidered with sequins and long veil to match. She carried a bouquet of tuber roses and gladioli.

The matron of honour was Mrs. M. Marnak (the bride's sister). She wore a velvet and crepe wite coloured dress and carried a bouquet of red roses. Miss Elfrida Sales was the bridesmaid. Miss Jean Rocha was the flower girl and the pageboy was Master Gerry Costa.

The best men were Mr Heli F. Rozario for the groom and Mr Trevor Shutt for the bride.

A reception was held later at the Peninsula Hotel. The honeymoon is being spent at the Castle Peak Hotel.

Soong—Tso

Miss Helena Beatrice Tso was married to Mr. Thomas S. F. Soong on New Yeu Day at St Margaret's Church.

The bride was given away by her father. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ts. Chuk-wan, of 60, Village Road.

She wore a charming gown of white satin and carried a bouquet of white roses.

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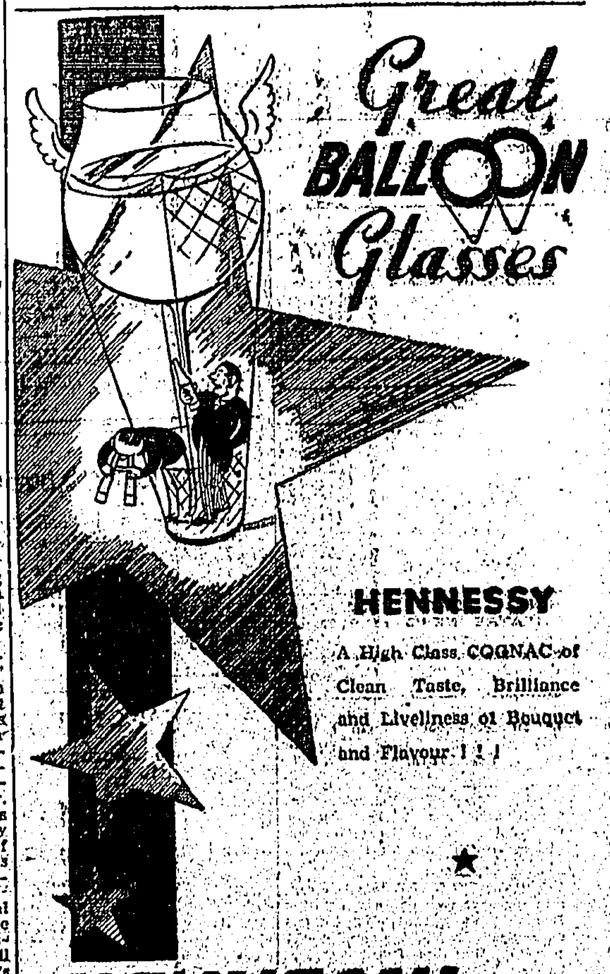

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Troubles of Japanese ship building

Tokyo, January 1.

Japanese shipyards have not signed a single new contract for construction of ships for export since the abolition of subsidies and the establishment of the 360 Yen to US$1 rate last spring, a SCAP official said today.

Mr. M. M. Class, chief of SCAP'S Industry Division, said Japanese shipbuilders so far have not been able to reduce construction costs sufficiently to compete in the world market since the government subsidies were cut from under them.

In the year preceding the establishment of the single exchange rate, when the government was underwriting shipyard losses on export sales through a 550 yen to one exchange rate, the Japanese shipbuilding industry won contracts for building about 150,000 tons of cargo ships and tankers.

Since the end of the subsidised exchange rate, Class said, "they have only received a French Indochina contract for eight barges and one contract for building a 10-ton boat for the Ryukyus. In effect we have had no shipbuilding under the new rate."

Loss of dollars

The collapse of these export sales, Mr. Class said, means a loss of millions of dollars in foreign trade revenue. "But if the Japanese are going to be allowed to use their ships in hauling exports and imports they could probably earn more foreign exchange in the long run by building ships for the Japanese merchant marine than by building for export. Of course we would prefer both."

On the presumption that the bans against Japanese shipping in many foreign ports will be lifted in the near future, Class said SCAP has authorised a greatly expanded programme of new construction and conversion of non-standard vessels to meet international requirements. It will add more than 500,000 tons of "in class" shipping to the Japanese merchant fleet during the next eight months.

In addition, nine cargo vessels of less than 5,000 tons each and one tanker of 10,000 tons are now under construction for the Japanese merchant fleet.—United Press.

Assembly votes on expenditure

Paris, December 31.

The French National Assembly today voted credits equivalent to one-twelfth of the 1949 expenditure to keep the nation legally in funds until the 1950 budget is approved.

The Parliamentary crisis over the 1950 budget was ended last night when the Assembly gave the Government two votes of confidence on new tax measures but there was no chance of voting the budget before midnight tonight.

The Assembly was tonight still debating various budget-balancing measures. Then, the Government's taxation plans still have to go before the Upper House—the Council of the Republic.

The Prime Minister, M. Georges Bidault, tonight asked the Assembly for votes of confidence on three points:

(1) 34 milliard francs of new resources.

(2) On the budget being balanced.

(3) On the Budget Bill as a whole.

The three votes of confidence are expected to be taken at 4 p.m. on Monday.

The first confidence question is the voting of a round sum of 34 milliard francs to ensure the balance of the budget. After yesterday's votes of credits, 37 milliard francs were still needed to secure the balance that the Premier, M. Bidault, insists upon. Earlier votes today provided three milliards of diverse resources.

Thirty-four milliards were needed to close the gap between expenses and receipts. They will be obtained chiefly from taxes on companies, road transport and public contracts.

The second confidence vote is to guarantee that once balanced, the budget cannot be upset by any further amendments.

The third vote will be to approve the whole Budget Bill once the first two votes are secured.—Reuter.

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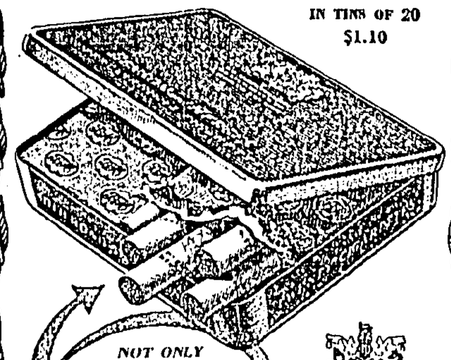

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	S 10 7 4 2 H 8 7 3 D 6 4 C A 5 3 2	
S 9 H Q J 5 2 D 10 9 5 3 2 C Q 6 4	N W E S	S 8 3 H A K 10 9 4 D A Q 8 C J 8 7
	S A K Q J 6 5 H 6 D K J 7 C K 10 9	

(Dealer: East. North-South vulnerable).

East	South	West	North
1 H	1 S	2 H	Pass
3 H	3 S	4 H	

Yep—that's all the bidding that went on. And after East was set a mere two tricks not doubled, giving the vulnerable opponents a dinky 100 points, the post mortem developed the information that game would have been a cinch for North and South.

"After I bid all the way to nine tricks by myself, you certainly could have called 4-Spades," said South to his partner, "especially since you had four trumps for me, a side ace and a probably useful doubleton."

North then tried to blame the missing game on South, saying: "You know I'm conservative and you are not; I felt that your last bid stretched your hand, and that you had hardly any chance at all to make a game if I bid it. You should have bid 2-Spades the first time instead of just one.

Then I would have supported you later."

A bystander then asked: "What would have been the matter with a double of the 1-Heart by South? If North was loaded for hearts, he could pass it. If he had a fair sprinkling of honors with heart stoppers he could bid No Trumps. If he lacked these, then a later bid of 3-Spades by South would have shown a strong hand, when preceded by the double." All hands agreed that would have been better tactics.

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Tomorrow's Problem

	S A J 10 9 4 H Q 6 2 D 9 8 7 C 5 3	
S K 5 H A 5 4 D K Q J 6 3 C 9 8 7	N W E S	S Q 8 6 3 H 7 3 D 10 5 2 C K J 10 2
	S 7 2 H K J 10 9 8 D A 4 C A Q 6 4	

(Dealer: West. East-West vulnerable).

How should South play for his 4-Spades after West leads the diamond K?

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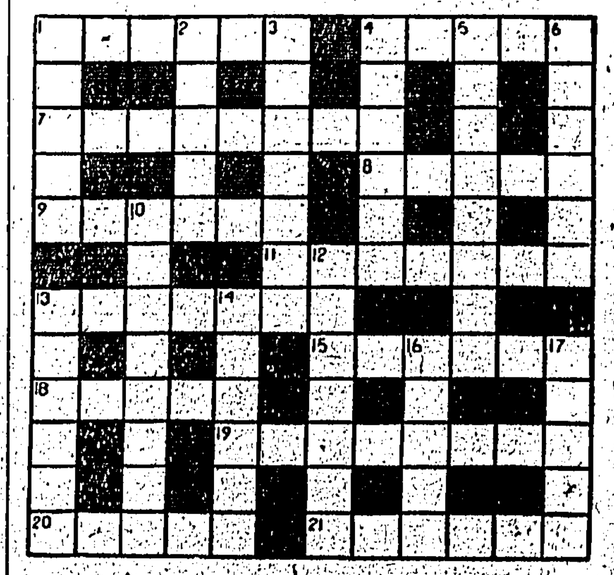

Across

1 Side of bacon.
4 Turns over and over.
7 They play as a pastime.
8 Bird.
9 Globe.
11 Prevarication.
13 Shaving of head.
15 Mule.
18 Small airship.
19 Orifice.
20 Not so hot.
21 Culls.

Down

1 Weakens.
2 Tax.
3 Arrogance.
4 Colour.
5 Scope.
6 Drawing.
10 Hindrance.
12 Reserve fund.
13 Writing pad.
14 "7 Across" are this.
16 Machine.
17 Lock of hair.

Saturday's Crossword

ACROSS:—1 Opus, 4 Restore, 8 Load, 9 Otto, 10 Bitumen, 11 Gait, 12 Toga, 14 Doublet, 17 Alone, 19 Waves, 22 Elderly, 26 Salt, 27 Airs, 28 Coterie, 29 Envy, 30 Clan, 31 Settled, 32 Tone.

DOWN:—2 Patrol, 3 Slogan, 4 Rabid, 5 Editor, 6 Thumb, 7 Reeve, 12 Tape, 13 Goad, 15 Lava, 16 Test, 18 Plaice, 20 Assent, 21 Eleven, 22 Loose, 24 Elect, 25 Yield.

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NEHRU'S ESTIMATE OF CHINA SITUATION IMPRESSES STATE DEPT.

New York, January 1.

Mr. James Reston, diplomatic correspondent of the New York "Times," said today that the American State Department was impressed and inclined to agree with an estimate of the situation in China made by the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, during his visit to the United States last year.

This estimate was presumed to have formed the basis for the Indian recognition of the Communist Government in China, Mr. Reston said.

According to Mr. Reston, Mr. Nehru's view of the situation was as follows:

"(1) The problem is to block the expansion of Communism, and for this purpose to encourage those in the Chinese Communist regime who favour an independent Chinese policy, based not only on friendship with Moscow but on good relations with the West as well.

"(2) Communist China is divided into three factions, Mao Tse-tung, head of the Peking regime, is strong for a straight pro-Moscow policy. Chou En-lai, the Foreign Minister, wants to do business with the West as well. Li Li-san, Peking Minister of Labour, has enormous power in, and perhaps control of, the Kremlin's policy in Manchuria.

"(3) If the West follows a hostile policy toward Peking, nobody in that Government will be able to do anything except follow the Moscow line. Moreover, if China is confronted by a hostile West, the Chinese Communists will have an excuse for their failure to deal with the economic plight of the country, and may even be encouraged to carry on their military adventures beyond the borders of China.

"(4) If, however, the Communists are recognised and forced to trade on an equal cash basis, they will get more help from the West than from the Russians, they will have to take responsibility for the economic conditions of the country, and they will probably develop an independent policy totally different from the small Slavic States conquered by the Communists in Eastern Europe.

Review of policy

Mr. Reston quoted Mr. Nehru's views in connection with a long review of American policy towards China in which he asserted that President Truman and the National Security Council had agreed that American military occupation of Taiwan was out of the question.

Mr. Reston said they agreed also that the United States should withhold recognition of the Chinese Communist Government for the time being and that the United States should make a new study of giving limited financial and technical aid to the Chinese Nationalists in Taiwan.

Mr. Reston quoted the following summary by a responsible official of the American Government's position:

(1) No military action by the United States in defence of Taiwan or Hainan Island was to be expected. If Taiwan could be kept out of the hands of the Chinese Communists by limited financial and technical assistance, that was worth exploring. But the resources of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, among other things, must be checked before additional aid was approved.

(2) Taiwan was strategically important but not important enough to risk the creation of another "Spanish situation" in which the Soviet Union might back the Chinese Communists in an assault on Taiwan while the United States might "master-mind" the defence.

(3) Military action was perhaps not the only way to keep Taiwan out of the hands of the Chinese Communists. Taiwan was still legally a part of Japan. If a peace conference were called, without the Soviet Union, it might be possible to place the island under United Nations trusteeship.

Not justified

(4) Both the State and Defence Departments agreed that American occupation of Taiwan was not justified. The State Department insisted that such an adventure would not be well received by the Chinese people, would be used by the Chinese Communists to revive Oriental fears of Western imperialism, and would alienate many other Governments and peoples in other parts of the Far East and Southern Asia.

(5) Recognition of the Chinese Communists was unwise at this time because it was strongly opposed in Congress and because the Chinese Communists had not yet demonstrated that they were prepared to abide by China's present international commitments.

Mr. Reston said that there was a serious difference of opinion between the United States Administration and a minority in Congress, and inside the Administration itself on how to deal with Communism in Asia.

The policy proposed last week by the Republican Senator, Mr. William Knowland, according to Mr. Reston, was backed by General Douglas MacArthur and had some supporters within Mr. Truman's official "family" but was strongly opposed by the State Department and some members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Senator Knowland had proposed, among other things, that the United States should refuse to recognise the Chinese Communist regime; warn the British not to do so; grant military aid to Chiang Kai-shek and send a military mission to Taiwan.

Inclined to agree

Mr. Reston said that the State Department was much more impressed with the estimate of the situation in China made by Mr. Nehru when he was in America. This estimate was presumed to have formed the basis for the Indian recognition of the Communists in China.

Mr. Reston said that the State Department was not only inclined to agree with Mr. Nehru's thesis, but to feel that if the Knowland-MacArthur line was followed they would end up holding Formosa and losing the confidence of Mr. Nehru, India and the other potential allies of the United States in Eastern Asia.

The State Department argued that the political implications as well as the strategic must be considered in whatever policy was followed not only in China but in the whole of Southern Asia, he continued.

They felt that to give Chiang Kai-shek military support would identify the United States with the old imperialistic policies of the past, alienate the new forces rising in India, Indonesia and elsewhere and perhaps lead the United States to an embarrassing retreat from Formosa or to war, he added.—Reuter.

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Crime declines in London; murders up

London, January 1.

Scotland Yard reported that crime in London declined steadily throughout 1949. There were 34 murders during the year, compared with 30 in 1948. The monthly rate for all crimes was 10,500. This was below 1948 but still ahead of the 8,000 monthly rate of 1938.

Police said they thought the decrease was due to the improved economic situation, the repair of bombed buildings, better public co-operation and the fear of long prison terms. — Associated Press.

Clashes in Calcutta

Calcutta, December 31.

For the sixth day in succession, Calcutta today witnessed a clash between police and Communists in which four policemen were injured.

When a police party tried to intercept a Communist-led procession here today the processionists turned violent and the police used tear-gas to disperse them.

This was followed by bomb-throwing at the police by some members of the procession, resulting in injury to four policemen.

Today's incident was the culmination of a series of similar incidents this week here, resulting in three deaths and several injured, including 23 policemen.—Reuter.

Rediffusion

A.M.
7.00—Up With The Sun.
7.15—Setting Up Exercises.
7.30—Musical Clock.
7.45—Canteen Breakfast Session.
8.00—News and Weather Forecast.
8.15—Salon Concert Players.
9.00—Morning Music.
9.30—Console & keyboard.
10.00—Music For All.
11.00—The Four Knights.
11.15—Waltz Time.
11.30—Parade of Rhythm.
P.M.
12.00—H.K. Stock Exchange.
12.15—Tune Time.
12.32—Light Music.
1.00—Swing.
1.15—News.
2.00—Variety Calls The Tune.
4.00—Novatime.
4.15—Tropicana.
4.30—Vocally Yours.
5.00—Music Makers.
5.15—Children's Corner.
5.30—Movie Time.
6.00—Radio Headliners.
6.30—Thesaurus Singers.
6.45—Richard Lin Sings.
7.00—B.B.C. News.
7.15—Concert Favourites.
7.45—Listen to Leibert.
8.00—Harmonica Harmony.
8.15—Sammy Kaye and His Orchestra.
8.30—Rediffusion Request Show.
9.00—B.B.C. News.
9.15—Local News.
9.15—Vincent Lopez.
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LAICHAND—To Roop, wife of Keshavraj Laichand a daughter, at the St. Paul's Hospital on January 2nd, 1950 Both Well

PREVENTIVE ACTION

Emergency powers have long been prepared for the protection of the Hong Kong community against a variety of perils which have been foreseen—when they become a reality. Emergency action to prevent them from arising seems to us to be no less necessary, and a good deal wiser. Hong Kong faces an altogether exceptional position in every way—in which connection it takes colour from the entire environment of Asia as a whole. If bold and original action is necessary—and is in fact being planned—to handle the general economic problems of Asia, it is logical and equally necessary to attempt something along the same lines here.

So far the dispute between the tramwaymen and the management has followed the old, traditional pattern. It was varied only by the somewhat original contribution of the Chinese workmen in deciding to man the trams but to collect no fares. The scoring of academic points has ceased to be relevant. It is time to get on with a settlement.

If wars are the curse of civilisation, as they are, strikes and lockouts are likewise the curse of industrial relations and just as wanton and wasteful. The Communists have done away with them. They have gone so far that the workers have no rights—not even the right to protest or to demand arbitration. In China they are having a very hard time indeed—but there are no strikes.

The unions have done the old-fashioned thing in refusing arbitration. Mr. Ma Man-fai has said he could not blame the workers as arbitration is the last resort. But why the last resort? Surely the old conception of Capital and Labour as being basically hostile is a bit out of date, and if it isn't it ought to be. Hong Kong has not yet applied the principles of the Welfare State to any noticeable extent. But neither workers nor employers can be altogether blind to the new principles that are at work everywhere in the Western world. Of these the responsibility of labour to the community, and the community's parallel responsibility to the workers, are now axiomatic.

Refusal of arbitration is also regrettable because, in our opinion, a judicial tribunal would almost certainly support the demand for an extra allowance in part, though not necessarily *in toto*. There is widespread sympathy for the under-dog: a very general belief that many workers are underpaid. The under-dog seldom gets the sympathy the merits of his case justify when he comes to the bar of public opinion armed hip and thigh with the powers of coercion and intimidation of the strike weapon. And there is a feeling that the strategy employed by the labour unions has been carefully laid down and a variety of disputes dovetailed, so as to exercise a cumulative pressure alike on the employers and on the community.

The Vice-President of the Tramwaymen's Union has said that the root of the trouble is the "inadequacy and inequity" of the Rehabilitation Allowance fixed by the Government. Now this is the basic factor in all the existing disputes. We suggest that a Judicial Tribunal be created forthwith to investigate, in public, the cost of living for the main strata of workers. The tribunal should take evidence on all aspects of this problem, including food, housing, and medical attention.

It should also consider economic policy from the viewpoint both of inflation and deflation, and those more humane considerations which seek to reconcile the interests of the community with the principle of a higher standard of living for the people. High policy is about to adopt this as one of the basic aims of a kind of Marshall Plan for Asia, and as the best means of defeating the Communist menace.

Findings of such a tribunal would facilitate the settlement not of one but of all pending disputes. In the meantime both parties would be asked to put off the current battle till the findings have been pronounced, and to carry on the services on a normal basis. The issues in the individual utilities and industries could then be taken up again without prejudice to right of direct action, but this time, we hope, with every promise of successful negotiation.

Commonwealth comment:

WHAT DOES BRITAIN'S FAMILY OF NATIONS THINK TODAY?

Canada wonders

This month the Foreign Ministers of the Commonwealth will meet in Colombo. They will discuss common problems and aim at reaching conclusions to which all the Dominions will subscribe.

How well are these problems and their causes understood. How well do Britons understand the peoples for whom these envoys will speak? Are they, as the greatest family of nations in world history, growing together or drifting apart.

Believing that there is widespread lack of understanding on these and other points, we commissioned correspondents in the main centres of the Dominions to contribute broad profiles of the peoples and countries in which they are stationed.

We have asked them to write with this back-ground of possible misunderstanding in mind, and to reflect responsible public opinion.

The snapping of the chains by which Canada is voluntarily bound to Britain is being heard all round the world—but not in Whitehall.

The first chain, that of blood, needs a continuous flow of settlers to refresh it in each succeeding generation. Emigration from Britain has been almost completely diverted to other lands in recent months, through restrictions imposed by the present British Government.

The second chain, that of culture, depends on a similarity in ways of life. These are now developing in opposite directions in the two countries because of their very different political philosophies.

The third chain, trade between the two countries, is fast dissolving in the acid of Britain's bilateral barter deals with Iron Curtain countries.

In two years

Thus is history repeating itself. French-Canada's once close bonds with Royalist France were cut by the French Revolution. Today's French-Canadians have nothing in common with twentieth-century France: they dream of a Motherland now gone beyond recall, and they still speak the language of those glorious eighteenth-century days of the Sun King. British-Canadians feel that their Motherland is now prompting a similar rupture.

This attitude has grown and crystallised very fast. An immigrant from Scotland expressed it to me in these words: "Two years ago, Johnny Canuck, looking back over his shoulder, saw with regret the plight of the Old Country, and held out a helping hand. Today he doesn't look back."

Red tape

The Brave Old Britain which built the Empire has disappeared. Some believe it is only asleep, temporarily smothered by red tape. But today Canada sees no sign of the pioneering spirit which conquered and settled half the continent, no trace of the buccaneering bravado which sent Britons across the unexplored continent in search of trade.

Today's settler expects ready-made security on the very spot where his predecessor hewed down the virgin forest to build his rude cabin. In the very market where the Hudson's Bay Company of Adventurers of Britain braved tomahawks, disease and starvation to trade, today's British exporter scuttles to the safety of sterling area markets at the rustle of a U.S.A. catalogue.

Where before the war Levers, Dunlops, and other British companies made their names household words, there has not been a single comparable post-war success. Last year Canada was Britain's largest supplier, yet Britain sold less than half that volume to this willing market, and sold more to such comparatively poor countries as Ireland and South Africa.

Two years ago four out of five Canadians looked for the slogan, "British made," when they went shopping; today three out of five avoid it. "That phrase is a definite handicap to a shopkeeper today," one of Canada's leading merchants told me.

They have been frustrated by Britain's high prices, slow deliveries, old-fashioned designs and refusal to supply what Canadians want.

Wrong size

Typical was the British leather exporter who tried to sell wallets designed for British banknotes. He discovered — too late — that Canadian paper money is a different size and shape.

Though Britain's internal politics are no concern of Canada's, that country's judgment of Labour's record in Britain was clearly shown in last summer's General Election. The Liberal Party was voted a record majority while the Canadian Socialist Party was virtually wiped out.

Canada is ahead of Britain in many social security measures. Her £6 a week unemployment benefits, her 56/-a month baby bonus, and her £10 a month old-age pensions are far more generous than Britain's. Her many other forms of State aid are designed to help her citizens climb the ladder, not to provide a permanent perch for them at the bottom of it.

Work and wages

But Canadians are grateful to Britain for demonstration that the Welfare State kills initiative, reduces output and (hamstrings trade. Now they are going ahead with their programme for Welfare Capitalism, with its free enterprise system, under which three Canadian workers achieve the output of five Britons, and Canada's not overtaxed workers not only work overtime, but even take spare-time jobs to earn more money which they can spend and enjoy.

The average Canadian industrial worker today earns 6/6 an hour for a 42-hour week. He takes for granted many things which his opposite number in Britain regards as luxuries.

A well-paid job for every worker, their own home for every family, a car in every garage, an electric washing machine in every basement, a nylon stocking on every female leg, orange juice at every breakfast, a steak at every dinner, a university degree for every son—these are typical of the attainable objectives of every Canadian family today.

Out of the taxpayers' money, Canada gave war-time and post-war aid, little advertised by a modest country, which was proportionately the greatest aid Britain ever received from any country. Her genuine and generous attempts to rebuild post-war trade with Britain have been frustrated by British Government policy, and Canadians are not convinced that Britain's effort matches their own in this direction.

Bad debt

The growing realisation that Cripps, Strachey and others have made them "suckers" will make it very hard for Canada's political leaders to repeat that help.

"We must just forget that as a bad debt, and take our business elsewhere," I was told by a business man, typical of the large body of Anglophiles who now talk of a Customs union with U.S.A.

Canada today stands closer to the U.S. than at any time in history. The two countries have a permanent joint defence agreement. They are advancing side by side toward the same unequalled security and prosperity for their citizens. They are developing new industrial techniques to derive maximum benefit from their ample and varied natural resources.

Their citizens have an energy and informality in their conduct and a flexibility and comradeship in their thinking which, they are confident, will make North America the happiest civilisation the world has ever seen.

The huge voluntary gifts of food show the sympathy and affection felt for Britain. Respect and admiration for the Royal Family have never been stronger than today. But Canada no longer looks to Britain for leadership in military matters, in diplomacy or in industry.

Britain's post-war record of non-achievement has, more than any other factor, led Canada to stand firmly on her own feet. Today she places first emphasis on her adherence to the North Atlantic Pact, while her membership of the Commonwealth is just remembered in the luxurious sentimentality of Old Home Week.

The second article in this series will deal with New Zealand.

Pepys--Saviour of the Navy

"SAMUEL PEPYS: THE SAVIOUR of THE NAVY." By ARTHUR BRYANT. Published by Collins, London. Price 15/—.

This is the last but one of four volumes of Pepys' biography. It deals with the five most important years of his career, when he saved the Navy from disintegration and incidentally laid the foundations for the Civil Service. It was a time of triumph after adversity, dishonour, imprisonment, and fear of death.

When he resumed his great labours for the Navy, he found it in sorry plight. All discipline was gone, ignorant country gentlemen were in control instead of expert seamen, pay was often years in arrear, and the Service had reached "the highest degree of villainy and infamy."

The work he had previously done was undone. He did it all again, and better—and this time for good. He went back to his work with vision. He knew as did few others what the sea meant to his country. "Beyond the island mists, yet within reach of a little people of five or six millions, lay the shadowy outline of a wealth and power such as no race had ever before enjoyed in the history of the world."

The new volume details step by step the measures taken at Pepys' instigation to put to right a Navy that had virtually ceased to exist as an effective force in the affairs of Europe: a Navy that was being run as "a gigantic swindling concern" by those who should have been its trustees. Gently but surely the quickening touch made itself felt in every part of the Service.

Pepys first put down drunkenness, then conceived and applied the rules and precepts which informed the new spirit of the Navy. He taught it to obey orders punctually and without question, and to hold the Regulations of the Admiralty as more sacred than the Ten Commandments, to do one's duty for one's bare wages without cavil and in the face of death, and to lay one's all in the keeping of the Navy in the belief that somehow, in this world or some other, the Service would care for and vindicate its own.

Ungiessed-at by its creator, a course was being charted that led through the shoals of Quiberon and the deeps of Trafalgar to sea dominion and Empire.

In some dim, indefinable way, Pepys' contemporaries were aware that the autocrat of the pen and sand-box had in him something of greatness, and they honoured him accordingly. Greater position, great wealth and a title were his for the asking, but he left them unsought and dedicated himself to his life's work, the rejuvenation of the Navy.

When he submitted his famous Memorial and Proposition to the King for the reconstruction of the broken-down ships he was at the very summit of his earthly glory and power. He stood at the King's right hand, ruled the Navy, and saw his ventures prosper.

At a time of tremendous crisis he gave the Navy the greatest fighting fleet it had ever known. Irresolution in the fleet command prevented its effective use at the time William of Orange landed. But at the end of the bloodless revolution and still more bloodless conquest, England retained a Grand Fleet which was to become a permanent influence in the counsels of Europe and the world.

When Pepys laid down his office after the revolution and the flight of his Royal Patron, the Navy was almost twice the size it was when he began his work for it.

And while telling this story, the volume also describes in great wealth of detail, and in forceful prose, the tremendous events of that extraordinary period in British history.

Come home, Irish premier says

Dublin, January 1.

"Come on home," said Premier John Costello this afternoon in a radio talk addressed to Irishmen living abroad. The broadcast was part of a "Come back to Erin" campaign undertaken by the government to recruit skilled craftsmen to work on Irish development projects.

The Premier's words were directed particularly to Irishmen who are exiles in Britain.

Mr. Costello admitted that in the past there were slums in Dublin "which would have been a disgrace to any civilised people." But things are brighter. Much of the neglect having been over successive Irish governments, he said. Now Ireland aims to provide 110,000 homes and 33 hospitals within 10 years, he added.

"We have the supplies," said the Premier, "we have the unskilled men. But we do not have enough of the skilled men we need to complete these urgent national tasks."—Associated Press.

A job in a thousand

By WALTER FARR

Lady Diana Cooper, wife of Sir Duff Cooper, formerly British Ambassador to Paris, is advertising for a woman gardener and offers her the "small separate wing" of her chateau at Chantilly, near Paris.

It was at this chateau that Otto Abetz, war-time German Ambassador to France, lived during the occupation.

In her advertisement, Lady Diana Cooper asks applications from "genuine lady gardener, deep knowledge lawn growth, content live quiet life in France (Chantilly) working, advising, supervising. For right person small separate wing of chateau offered with kitchen-bathroom included. Some secretarial ability would be advantage, salary arrangeable."

One of the most important features of Lady Diana's garden is a winding stream made famous by the fact that Mr. Winston Churchill jumped it last year. The stream is about 4ft. wide and Mr. Churchill trundled up to it and cleared it with ease.

In one corner of the garden lives Melanie the cow, which, in addition to providing a generous milk supply, is a family pet. In another corner there are Nanny the goat and her small daughter.

The private wing offered to the lady gardener commands a view over the magnificent grounds of the Chateau de St. Firmin, with their royal stables, vivid green lawns, and a lake dotted with swans. Nearby is sleepy, picturesque old Chantilly—a sort of French Sandringham—with its racecourse and its racing stables.

"I am advertising for a gardener in Britain," says Lady Diana, "because there are not many private gardeners in France. Vegetables are a very prominent feature of our garden—also the flowers grown for cutting. It is more of a lily garden than an orchid garden. A woman gardener would be more suitable because she could also do some secretarial work."

Lady Diana has asked a friend, Lady Jones, wife of Sir Roderick Jones (who, as Enid Bagnold, wrote "National Velvet"), to interview applicants for the job at her home in Rottingdean.

Good Morning!

I had some difficulty yesterday persuading Myrtle that the haze over town really was due to atmospheric conditions.

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To those of you who are still full of New Year spirit, may I recommend a little concoction of my own, the recipe for which I will gladly forward on receipt of a $10 bill.

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Current events look very striking to me.

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"Bill writes me from London that he sells underthings in a nudist colony."

"What kind of underthings?"

"Cushions."

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Don't look so sheepish.

"Mr.—— comes from one of the best-known pure bred sheep families in Australia."

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Her name is Belle—
A modest sprite.
She draws the curtains
When she peals at night.

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Then there's the story about the little moron who thought a sand bag was a desert woman.

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"We shouldn't undervalue breathing."—Health article.

You go right ahead if you want to.

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I get blamed for everything. Even when I was a baby they were pinning things on me.

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"The law must prevail if people are to live together."

Does this include mother-in-law?

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More howlers.

Geometry teaches us to bisox angels.

The English did not like Napoleon because he said they were just a nation of shopkeepers, and at a place called Waterloo they charged him over and over again until he had lost everything.

A Communist is a man who goes to parties all the time.

Pax in bello means freedom from indigestion.

Queen Elizabeth was the Virgin Queen. As a queen she was a success.

Genius is an infinite capacity for picking brains.

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"One advertisement by an American woman brought 19 reptiles. She is still unmarried."

You surprise me.

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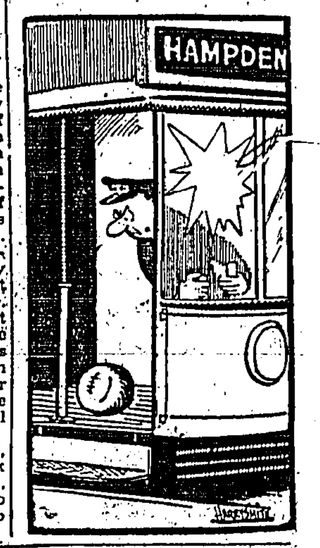

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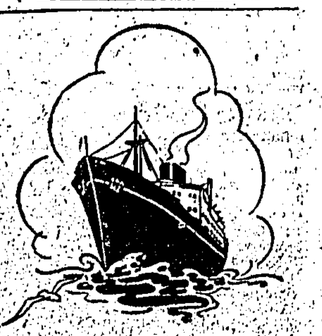

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New Year Honours List:

MR. ALEXANDER, DEFENCE MINISTER, RECEIVES VISCOUNTCY FROM KING

London, January 2.

The big surprise of the New Year Honours' List, published today, was a Viscountcy for the Defence Minister, Mr. Albert Alexander.

Despite his elevation to the House of Lords, Mr. Alexander will continue in his present Cabinet job—at least until the general election this year.

In a strongly political list of awards, four other Labour Members of Parliament were made Peers. This will cause five Parliamentary by-elections—unless the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, decided to hold a general election soon.

Mr Robert William Urquhart, British Consul-General at Shanghai, received a knighthood, Knight Commander of the British Empire.

Other awards of interest to the Far East are Companion of the Order of St Michael and St. George (CMG) Mr John Henry Keswick Managing Director of Jardine, Matheson & Company.

Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) Mr Willard Peyer British subject resident in China, Mr Thomas Richmond Roxell (Director of Education, Hong Kong).

Officers of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) Mr Albert Franklin, former British Consul at Tientsin, Mr. William James Hawkins, British subject in China Mr Thomas Terrace, Director of Works and Services in the Far East Mr Lo Man wai, partner in the solicitors' firm of Lo and Lo, for public services in Hong Kong.

MBE awards

Members of the British Empire (MBE) Mr Edward Young, Third Secretary at the British Embassy, Nanking; Mr. Au Kwok leung, clerk in the Hong Kong Government Service; Mr Ujagar Singh, Executive Officer, Hong Kong; Miss Sybil Mary Swift, Education Department, Hong Kong; Mr. Wu ling fan, Clerical Officer, Hong Kong; Miss Maud Ward, Nethersole Hospital, Hong Kong.

King's Police Medal—Mr. Kenneth Andrew Bidmead and Mr Geoffrey Wilson, both Assistant Commissioners of Police, Hong Kong.

Today's Honours List was the 27th of King George VI's reign. The principal awards are one Viscountcy, five Baronies and three Privy Councillors A large number of new Knights were created.

The irony of today's List is that in past years Mr Alexander has been wrongly tipped by political speculators for a Peerage. This year none mentioned him.

The three new Members of the Privy Council, the select body of statesmen appointed by the King to advise him on high issues, are Sir Ronald Campbell, Ambassador to Egypt Mr. E J. Holloway, until recently Minister of Labour in Australia, and Mr Don Stephen Senanayake, Prime Minister of Ceylon.

The new Labour Barons are Mr T W Burden, MP for the Park Division of Sheffield Dr I. Haden-Guest, of Islington North, London, Mr Joseph Henderson, Ardwick, near Manchester; and Mr John Wilmot, of Deptford, London.

The fifth Barony goes to Sir Steven Bilsland, a big business man and public figure in Scotland.

Three women

Three women become Dames of the British Empire. One is 71-year-old Madame Adeline Genee, famous as a ballet dancer since 1897. Lesser decorations are bestowed on 87 other women.

Trade Union leaders are also honoured. Mr. Vincent Tewson, General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, becomes a Knight, and the CBE goes to the former TUC Publicity Chief, Mr. Herbert Tiee.

Mr Robert Birley, Headmaster of Eton, is decorated with the CMG for his work as educational adviser in Western Germany.

Field Marshal Sir William Slim, hero of Burma and Chief of the Imperial General Staff, is made a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.

Tribute is paid to the Arts in CBE awards for musicians Leon Goossens and Lionel Tertis, who rank respectively among the world's greatest viola players—actors Leslie Banks and Donald Wolfit, and artists Stanley Spencer and Charles Ginner.

The King has given the British Empire Medal to Miss Elizabeth Hulme, a 53-year-old pottery worker, who makes more than 1,000 teapot lids every day and in 53 years with the same firm has made 16 million.

Many awards go to Malaya in the Honours List. Those honoured by the King include Mr. Patrick Alexander Bruce McKerron, Colonial Secretary, Singapore, who is created a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire Mr. Arthur Vincent Aston, Resident Commissioner, Penang, becomes a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St George.—Reuter.

MR. A. V. ALEXANDER.

No relief from dollar crisis seen

New York, January 1.

Many American year-end economic surveys have predicted that 1950 will bring no relief from the sterling area's dollar crisis.

The most vital reasons for these predictions are:

1. The continued lack of confidence in sterling as shown by dealings at below the official exchange rate.

2. The meagre relief gained by currency devaluation.

3. The burden of Britain's blocked sterling balances.

The "transferable sterling" technique has been held to cause a considerable drain estimated here recently at about $100,000,000 a year on Britain's dollar pool.

Some of Britain's creditors abroad sell part of their sterling balances at cut rates to obtain dollars. According to authorities here, these "transferable balances" are offered as low as $2.40 to the Pound as against the official rate of $2.80.

Speculators in European markets are known to buy goods from Britain for sterling and ship them to the United States at a cheaper price for dollars.

The United States Council of the International Chamber of Commerce recently advocated a constructive re organisation of the frozen British sterling balances. A bankers study group recommended a cash payment shared equally by Britain and the United States of 30 per cent of these balances and the funding of the remainder.

Proposal supported

This proposal was supported recently by Mr Russell Cornel Leffingwell, a former Assistant Secretary of the United States Treasury and now a high official of the banking house of J.P. Morgan and Company.

Writing in the magazine "Foreign Affairs," Mr Leffingwell advocated that the United States should continue to follow the precedent of Lend-Lease and Marshall Aid but that the problems of each country should be dealt with practically in the light of its own peculiar requirements and America's own national interest.

"Britain has problems different from those of any other country. Her currency is a key currency. She alone incurred a great external war debt the sterling balances," he wrote. "These should be scaled down and funded, and we should help to arrange it. If that results in hardship in special cases, the United States should lend or grant money direct to the sterling area countries concerned for urgent needs."

Everything points to the problem in the sterling area's dollar shortage continuing throughout 1950. The biggest complication likely in the United States is that the American public at large, and Congress in particular, must be convinced that it is desirable that the United States should continue to foot the bill for help to Britain and Europe.—Reuter.

WORLD'S WELCOME TO 1950

New York, January 1.

Three-quarters of a million New Yorkers jammed Times Square to roar a welcome to 1950.

A lighted ball on top of the tower of the New York "Times" building fell at the stroke of midnight. Miles of ticker tape and paper floated down on their heads from skyscrapers fronting the Square and along Broadway.

Night clubs and cabarets had full houses despite their prices. Diners at the swankiest were charged $25 for dinner and entertainment. Drinks were extra.

The less luxurious spots charged $7.50 for dinner with a novelty hat thrown in. One night club provided an old fashioned milk wagon in its parking area to supply cold milk to celebrants who drank too deeply.

St. Patrick's Catholic Cathedral in New York held a Midnight Mass celebrated by Cardinal Francis Spellman, Archbishop of New York—the first New Year's Eve Midnight Mass ever celebrated there—to ask Divine Blessing for the 1950 Holy Year.

In London, the biggest crowds since the war thronged Piccadilly Circus and Trafalgar Square to usher in 1950 with sirens, songs and cheers. Churches overflowed and many people were turned away from midnight services.

Celebrations in other capitals reported by Reuter correspondents were:

Paris:— Parisians celebrated quietly. There were no special decorations, lighting effects, bells or sirens to herald the New Year.

For most people the traditional "reveillon" was celebrated privately in their own homes.

Vatican City: Three thousand Holy Year pilgrims attended New Year's Mass, celebrated by the Pope this morning in the Benedictine Hall.

The Pope, carried into the Hall in his Papal chair, was greeted by the cheers of pilgrims from France, the Argentine, Western Germany, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and Brazil.

Moscow: Twelve strokes of the Kremlin chimes ushered in the New Year.

A Tass message picked up in London said: "Moscow is inimitably beautiful this New Year morning. The snow sparkles, reflecting the countless electric lights and the rays of the moon. It has covered the trees, the streets, squares and parks, and adds a fairy tale touch to the iron railings of Moscow's bridges and boulevards."—Reuter.

Condition of Jannings grave

Vienna, January 1.

The condition of the veteran stage and screen star, Emil Jannings, was described today by Dr. Brandstetter, his doctor, as very grave.

Mr. Jannings has been suffering from inflammation of the kidneys with complications for about two weeks.

He is at his country home at Zinkenbach on Lake Wolfgang in the U.S. zone of Austria.

Letters and telegrams from all over the world are pouring into the Jannings home.

He is due to appear in the title role of Gerhart Hauptmann's "Fuhrmann Hentschel" at the Salzburg City Theatre early this year. He was also engaged to play the part of Pope Bonafacio VII in a film to be produced in Vienna by G. W. Pabst in April.—Associated Press.

Global review of U.S. foreign policy expected shortly

Washington, January 1.

A global review of United States foreign policy will be asked from the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, in the near future.

Chairman Tom Connally, Democrat of Texas, told a reporter he would suggest to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at its first meeting after Congress convenes on Tuesday that it invite Mr. Acheson to an early closed door session.

The Secretary of State, reviewing his stewardship for Senators, could be expected to duplicate the report for the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

There are indications that Mr. Acheson will face sharp questioning about Asiatic policies, the course this country intends to follow in dealing with Israel, the possible resumption of full diplomatic relations with Spain, and the extent to which the U.S. may aid Tito's Yugoslav government.

The China question will be popping.

Senator Edward Martin, Republican of Pennsylvania, said in a statement that the Truman administration is close to recognition of Communist China.

Senators Arthur Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan, and Connally have called for cuts in foreign spending. There are indications that Marshall plan funds for the 1950-51 fiscal year will be trimmed about one billion dollars below the current year's outlays.

A hot Senate fight is in prospect on the issue of approving the International Trade Organisation agreement, which has been submitted to both Houses. Republicans may make this the basis for an attack on the administration's handling of the reciprocal trade programme, renewed by Congress last year.

Point four plan

President Harry Truman's expected renewal in his personally delivered state of union message on Wednesday of his "Point Four" proposals for aid to the world's backward areas seems certain to require stout defence by Mr. Acheson.

Senator Eugene Millikin of Colorado, who heads the conference of all Republican senators which meets on Tuesday, told a reporter that he intends to fight the "Point Four" programme.

Senator Millikin said the proposal for government guarantees of American investments abroad would "follow the false theory that you can industrialise with a checkbook a nation that has no industrial skills."

"If the foreign governments involved would demonstrate the stability of investments in their countries, private American capital would rush in and there would be no need of U. S. guarantees," he said.—Associated Press.

Dr. Malan's New Year message

Johannesburg, December 31.

Dr. Daniel Malan, South African Prime Minister, said in a New Year message broadcast tonight that Communism and anti-Communism at the opening of the country's second half stand opposed to each other more fully armed than ever before.

He said, "The present world situation seems to offer scanty ground for hopes", and added, "The universal world organisation established for the specific purpose of maintaining and ensuring world peace is not only standing by in impotence but is continually occupying itself with an unjustified and intolerable interference in the domestic affairs of its member states; thereby assisting to bring discredit upon itself and hastening towards its own end as a greater failure than the old League of Nations could ever have been said to.

"Our only hope, therefore, seems necessarily to be vested in the only alternative, namely, the obviousness of the insanity of war, the fundamental sanity of the human race, educated by experience, and the co-operation with each other of like-minded nations of the world."—Reuter.

GRUESOME TRAGEDY KILLS FIVE

Lutte, Montana, January 1.

A 21-year-old girl, Lorraine Knapp, shot dead her mother, her sister, aged seven, and two of her brothers at their home, then committed suicide.

The boys were aged 12 and three. The tragedy was discovered by two other boys when they returned to the house from a neighbouring home. The father was working meanwhile in a copper mine here.

Lorraine used a 22 calibre rifle. The boys were killed instantly. The others died later in hospital. The surviving brothers told reporters that Lorraine had been brooding and acting strangely lately.—Reuter.

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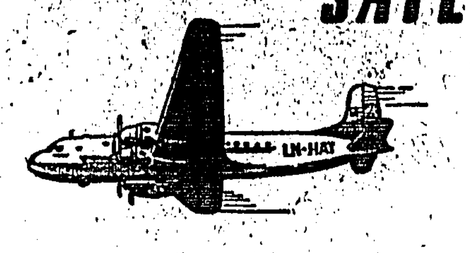

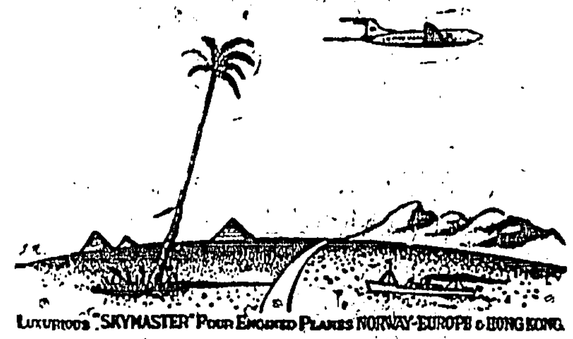

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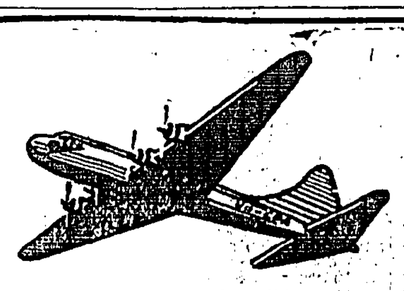

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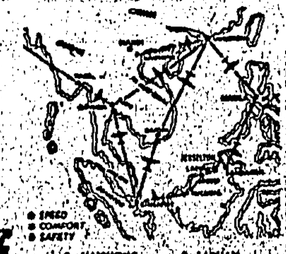

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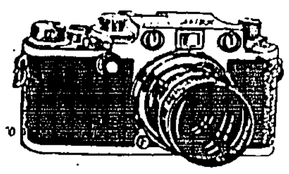

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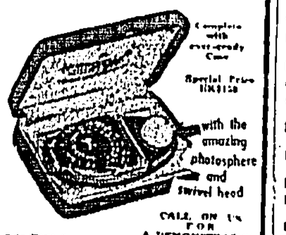

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Korean North-South stalemate to go on, observers believe

SEOUL, January 1.

Korea's North-South fight, which has blown hot and cold for more than a year probably will continue its present stalemate at least till late summer.

That is the opinion of both foreign and Korean sources here who base their belief on four primary facts:

First, any major action initiated in the next few months must come from North Korea. These sources—who also agree that such decision would probably be made in Moscow—say there is no indication the Northerners are planning such action. If an all out attempt is deferred until Spring, these sources continue, water-filled rice paddies, will make it impossible until autumn.

Secondly, it is believed here the North Koreans staked everything on guerilla activity South of the 38th Parallel. This activity was as extensive as they could support. It did not work.

Thirdly, the South Koreans, who make no secret of their desire to go North themselves, are in no position to do so. Though strong defensively they lack facilities for transporting and supplying troops over distances and terrain which they would encounter.

Nor will they get facilities from the United States. Military assistance and advice will not be forthcoming for any purposes except defensive.

Fourthly, these sources say the opposing forces along the 38th Parallel have been able to build up defence positions during the past four and half months' relative inactivity so as to make cross-border attacks in force much more difficult than formerly.

There have been absolutely no border incidents for more than a week. Most military activity in recent months has been concentrated in the South where government forces have gone all out in a guerilla clean-up campaign.

In figures recently released here, the Korean Army claimed it had killed or captured 3,300 guerillas since October 1. Most guerilla forces are now concentrated in the mountainous area in the extreme South, and supply lines from the North, never dependable, are stretched to the limit.

Guerilla and fifth column failure were due to two things, people here believe: first, guerillas who have received North Korean training have received too little military instruction and too much political indoctrination.

Though admitting they have on occasions been successful in surprise raids, one army officer said: "They are simply incapable of carrying out a continuing military operation when they are faced with it."

Secondly, South Korea's rural population, on whom the North Korean trained nucleus depends for support, has been blessed with two years of good crops, good prices and are in a better shape economically than they have been since the end of the war.

"They are just in no mood for Communism," the same source said.—United Press.

Lynchings on the increase

New York, January 1.

Lynchings and mob violence against Negroes showed an appreciable increase in 1949, according to the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, but it noted gratifying progress in furthering Negro rights on State and local levels.

In its annual report, NAACP noted that Federal civil rights legislation was not passed by Congress, but it praised advances in State legislation, in political development, in court decisions and in recognition of personal merit.

It said four additional States adopted fair employment practices legislation during the year and advances were made in abolishing segregation in schools, housing and transportation facilities.

"On the debit side of the ledger, the number of reported lynchings rose from two in 1948 to four in 1949 (one by a deputised mob) and instances of mob violence occured in such separated localities as Chicago, St. Louis, Washington and Birmingham."—United Press.

GIANT PANDA MUCH BETTER

London, January 1.

Lien Ho, the London Zoo's giant panda, one of the few in captivity whose recent illness led to fears for her life, was today stated to be "much better."

She has been suffering from a vitamin deficiency because of a shortage of bamboo shoots in her diet. People all over Britain sent bamboo shoots to the Zoo in answer to an appeal to save her life.

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SHINWELL ON MEDICAL SERVICES FOR BRITISH TROOPS IN MALAYA

Leeds, December 31.

The War Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, in a newspaper interview published today, denied that there was any neglect of medical services for British troops in Malaya saying that he was "forcing the pace" to overcome existing difficulties.

The interview was published by the "Yorkshire Post," Conservative newspaper, which for some weeks has urged War Office action to overcome an alleged shortage of surgeons and other medical help for troops fighting in the Malayan jungle.

Mr. Shinwell told the newspaper that he hoped to send two more surgeons to the Malaya district before the end of January. He also hoped that helicopters which could fly out wounded men from the guerilla areas would be in Malaya by May at the latest.

Mr. Shinwell said that he wished to emphasise that "no single case has been reported to me since the Malayan operation began of a wounded soldier who has been in any way neglected so far as medical treatment is concerned", he added, according to the "Yorkshire Post."

"Even if only for political reasons, which it most certainly is not, it is to my advantage to do all I can for our men in Malaya."

"Money does not stand in the way. I would not tolerate for a single moment a financial obstacle where there is a question of treating wounded men."

The interview was given to the Parliamentary correspondent of the "Yorkshire Post," the Newspaper reported.

No resentment

The Minister made it clear that he did not resent in any way the campaign of the "Yorkshire Post," based on cables from their special correspondent in Malaya, Mr. Michael Davidson, questioning the adequacy of medical services there, the interviewer reported.

Mr. Shinwell said that one of the two surgeons he hoped to send to the Malaya district would be flown out on January 14 and the other two weeks later.

Mr. Shinwell stated that he had not received any official representations from the command in Malaya that there was anything wrong.

Mr. Shinwell declared that the delay in sending helicopters was due to the need of modifications to existing types and the training of men to fly them.

"I am doing all I can to hasten matters and I am hoping to have machines out in Malaya by May at the latest," he said.

Rejecting all suggestions of complacency, Mr. Shinwell said, "As far as Malaya is concerned, I have had anxieties ever since the operation began, and they will be with me until it is over.

"Our men are behaving magnificently in helping to deal with irregular and elusive forces in difficult country—our men out there deserve the best, and the best they shall have so far as I can give it."—Reuter.

Malay bandits due for worse days in 1950

Singapore, December 31.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner-General for South East Asia, declared in a New Year message today that the number of surrenders now taking place in Malaya indicated that the outlaws in the jungle would see in the New Year with bitterly disappointed hopes and badly shaken morale.

"In spite of the energy and resources which had to be expended in fighting terrorism, the government and community leaders have found ample time and energy to continue their notable work towards creating a finer Malaya," he said.

"A year which has seen such achievements as the passage of the far reaching development plans through the legislatures, the foundation of the University of Malaya and the pioneering labours of the communities liaison committee towards the shaping of a harmonious and happy nation, is a year worthy to be called historic"—Reuter.

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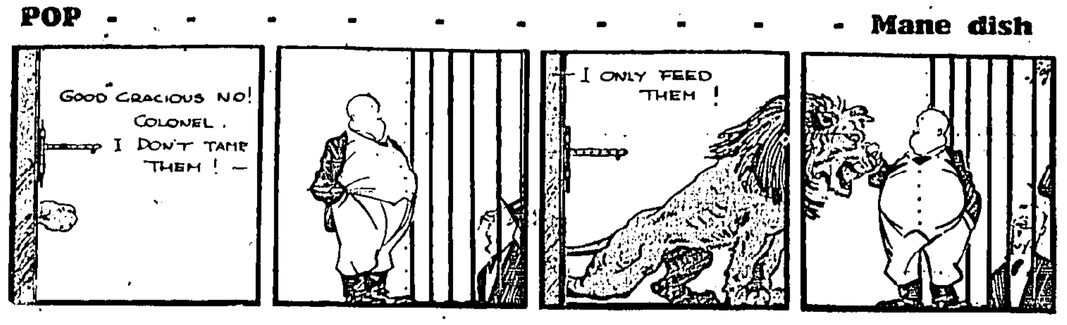

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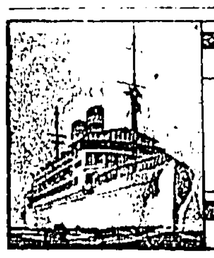

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WORLD'S MARITIME TONNAGE

New York, January 1.

Maritime tonnage statistics prepared by the American Marine Institute stated today that except for the three former Axis partners—Germany, Italy and Japan and Greece, which also suffered terific war losses, the merchant fleets of virtually all the maritime nations equal or exceed those of pre-war.

"The 10 year period which included the heaviest merchant ship losses and the greatest shipbuilding production in history, followed by four years of peacetime adjustment, finds Britain and the United States occupying their usual positions of first and second, respectively, in the world's rankings," the report said.

Britain had last June 21,600,000 dead weight tons with a 300,000-ton deficit soon to be made up by new construction now on the slipways.

The United States, which had 11,700,000 tons in 1939, had 18,-000,000 tons laid up.

"The maritime nations, aided by the purchase of 11,000,000 tons of American war-built shipping, have made great progress in recovery Japan has dropped from third to 12th place Germany's shipping, which ranked fifth before the war, is only now being revived Italy, formerly sixth is seventh but is almost a million tons under 1939."

The report notes the sensational skyrocketing of Panama from 14th to its present rank of fourth. From 1,100,000 tons, Panama has expanded to 4,500,000 tons. Greece continues at ninth place but with 900,000 tons less than in 1939.

Unstable conditions in their homeland have led many Greek ship owners to place their vessels under the Panamanian flag, it says Reuter.

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NEGOTIATIONS FOR LOAN TO BRITISH GROUP END IN FAILURE IN LONDON

London, January 1.

Negotiations for a $5,000,000 loan from the International Bank to the British Colonial Development Corporation have broken down, the Corporation announced today.

The loan, which was to have been followed by further advances in dollars, would have been used in the United States and Canada to buy heavy engineering and construction equipment needed for many development projects that the Corporation has approved in Africa, the Caribbean area and in the Pacific.

At the time of the Washington negotiations last September, a total loan of $10,000,000 was mentioned.

The Colonial Development Corporation stated today that the negotiations broke down because the Corporation has felt unable to accept certain of the provisions in the Bank's standard form of agreement because they were not reconcilable with the principles and methods by which the Corporation operates.

The rupture between the Corporation and the American-controlled International Bank will reverberate in many parts of the world, writes Sydney Gampell, Reuter's Financial Correspondent.

This is the most public case where borrowers have considered that Washington's terms involved too few dollars and too many strings.

The incident will not escape notice in several other countries which have been potential borrowers from the International Bank, ranging from Latin America to Yugo-lavia.

Unacceptable

A few months ago the South African Finance Minister, when leaving the United States, declared that the official lending agencies in Washington were seeking to impose conditions unacceptable to South Africa. He arranged, instead, for South Africa to borrow from the New York banks.

Several Governments, notably France, resisted Washington's original terms for Marshall Aid. The Commonwealth Liaison Committee has been meeting in London for several weeks for confidential talks on the general subject of raising dollars.

The real difficulty is that the International Bank does not regard itself merely as a money-lender. It argued that money is the least important part of international investment and can only be provided after any necessary changes in the general political, social and economic background.

This is agreed in principle but there can be important differences about methods.

Another difficulty is that the Bank cannot make invidious distinctions between borrowers with good and bad records.—Reuter.

"Economist" on future of China trade

London, January 1.

One of the great uncertainties in the new Communist China is the future of its foreign trade, the weekly review, the "Economist", declared today.

"Up to the present, the Communists have made no coherent threat to expropriate foreign holdings. The most that can be said is that these (foreign) businesses have been tolerated as unwelcome, but temporarily necessary, and or but temporarily necessary, and are on an equal footing with Chinese.

The weekly estimated that British investments in China were in the region of $300,000,000 while American investments were about $100,000,000.

"But these can only be the roughest of guides and must depend as much on political circumstances as on the range of business included in the calculation; presumably invested capital would be worth nothing if holders were expropriated tomorrow without compensation.

"All that can be said is that if the Communists do cut off their nose to spite their face, some Western faces will be disfigured also—and nobody would gain from that," the Economist observed.—Reuter.

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s.s. "CARTHAGE"	21st January	20th February
s.s. "CORFU"	17th February	20th March
s.s. "CANTON"	17th March	17th April
s.s. "CARTHAGE"	14th April	15th May
s.s. "CORFU"	12th May	12th June
s.s. "CANTON"	9th June	10th July

Via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden and Port Said.

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OUTWARDS	DUE HONGKONG	FROM
m.s. "SOMALI"	7th January	London & Continent.
s.s. "KHYBER"	8th February	— „ —

All ships proceed to Kobe & Yokohama.

HOMEWARDS	LOADS HONGKONG	FOR
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s.s. "SHIRALA"	due 18th Jan. sails 21st Jan.	from Calcutta via Straits. for Calcutta via Straits.
m.s. "BANGOLA"	due 24th Jan. sails 26th Jan.	from Calcutta via Straits & Rangoon. for Japan.

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s.s. "LANDAURA"	due 17th Jan.	from Persian Gulf via Bombay & Straits.
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m.v. "BOHEMIA"	8th Feb.
m.v. "NAGARA"	1st Mar.
m.v. "HEMLAND"	21st Mar.

SAILINGS TO EUROPE

m.v. "BALI"	4th Jan
m.v. "SUMATRA"	Early Feb.

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"TJIBADAK"	19th Jan.	12th Jan.

MANILA

	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TJIKAMPEK"	25th Jan	
"RUYS"	23rd Feb.	

SINGAPORE, PENANG and BELAWAN DELI

	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TJITJALENGKA" *	5th Jan.	1st Jan.
"VAN HEUTSZ"	12th Jan.	7th Jan.
"TJIBADAK"	19th Jan.	12th Jan.

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	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
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"LANGLEESCOT"	Early Feb.	Mid Jan.

Transhipment cargo accepted on through B's/L to, Mediterranean and Northern European ports.

JAPAN

	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
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"LANGLEESCOT"	Mid Jan.	Early Feb.

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"PIONEER DALE"	Feb. 8

SAILINGS TO NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, PHILADELPHIA via JAPAN & PANAMA CANAL

"PIONEER COVE"	Arr. Jan. 9	Sails	Jan.	12
"PIONEER MAIL"	" Jan. 28	"	Jan.	30
"PIONEER BAY"	" Feb. 3	"	Feb.	5

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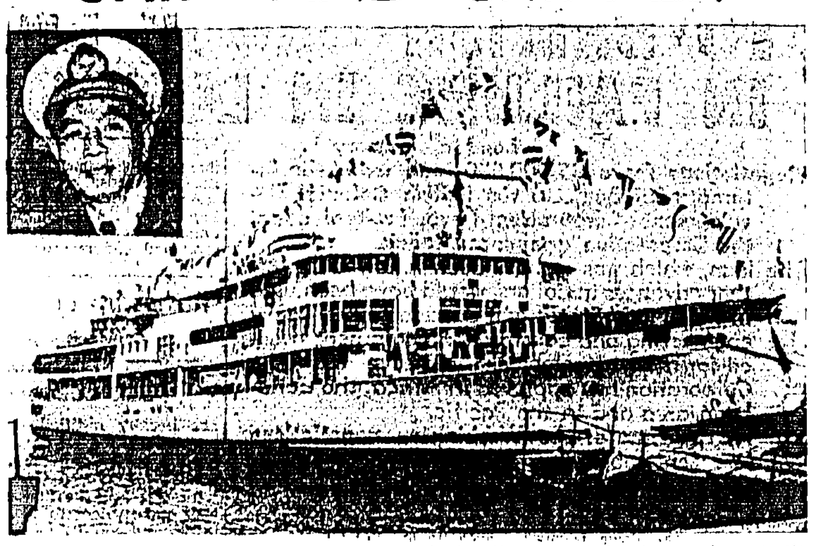
HONG KONG WATERFRONT

BY OUR HARBOUR REPORTER

SHIP AND SKIPPER



This is the Canadian-built aluminium motorship Hu Men, one of nine de luxe river vessels originally meant for the Yangtse river traffic but diverted to Hong Kong because of the political situation in China. In command of this US$2,000,000 luxurious craft is Mr. Chow Hoi-ching, Senior Master of the "Men" fleet. The Hu Men is one of the three largest aluminium craft. She will be placed on the Hong Kong-Macao week-end service, to increase the "Men" fleet on this run. Built at Quebec City specially for the Yangtse River she is equipped with all mechanical facilities to combat the treacherous obstacles of China's main waterway. One of the sister ships, the Yu Men, was utilised as a hostel and office for personnel of the Economic Co-operation Administration early last year. Mr. Chow who heads the floating personnel of the "Men" fleet is a veteran seaman. He began his life afloat at the raw age of 10, when he worked as a cabin boy, earning a dollar a month. He worked his way up gradually by sheer dint of hard work. Mr. Chow was one of the first few Chinese to pilot a ship up the Yangtse. He is a native of Chungking. Mr. Chow brought the Hu Men, the last of the three largest "Men" craft to be delivered.

PTL ships aid U.S. China trade

Barely three years ago, a group of far-sighted steamship and business men got together to form the Pacific Transport Lines, convinced that there were great possibilities for the development of trade between the Far East and California.

Their goal is to provide the best in trans-Pacific transport.

Hong Kong has been one of the springboards of the PTL. Orient service and today it is not uncommon to see the red-white-blue flag with a "T" in a white triangle house flag of the PTL, which is one of the youngest American shipping organisations.

To ensure the best in their service on this trans-Pacific run, the organisers selected the C-3 design a heavy freighter which compares favourably with cargo carriers of any other country for speed, design and functional efficiency.

The Colony has already seen several of the PTL fleet. Pacific Transport, China Transport, Philippine Transport, American Transport (all C-3 type ships) and Hong Kong Transport, a Victory design.

January and February will see more of these vessels as four are due to arrive in local waters during these two months.

Striking picture

The freighter of the PTL has an average over-all length of about 492 feet, a beam of 69 feet and deadweight tonnage of 12,500. She has a speed of 18 knots. Painted entirely white, with a black stack and white "T" markings, a Transport presents a striking picture in the harbour.

All C-3 deck machinery is electrically operated.

Currently, the services include two sailings monthly, to and from Manila and Hong Kong, with vessels formerly alternating between Keelung and Shanghai and Tientsin.

The PTL is represented by Jardine, Matheson, in China and Hong Kong.

IN MY LOG

Ring out the old, ring in the new . . .
Ring out the frowns, ring in the smiles.

(With apology to Tennyson)

New Year Resolutions.

Because we always meet at the Star Ferry Pier day in day out—it is proper that we should "ring our bells" there.

To begin with it is not a secret that there have been embarassing moments now and then in our constant contact—outside the gate, inside the pier or aboard the launch.

Waking up on the wrong side of the bed, rushing to office without breakfast to avoid scathing glares from the boss, recovering from a hangover after a party—these might have been the causes for our scowls and beneath-the-breath hisses.

But let's bury the hatchet, and begin anew.

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Embarkation "finesse."

At the gate we shall stand in line and respect the maxim—First come, first served. So as not to delay the embarkation and to assist the ticket seller with his accounting we shall give the exact fare.

We shall break the common habit of changing dollar bills at the turnstile. We shall not exasperate the ticket seller by refusing to accept tattered notes. We realise it is not his fault nor is he intentionally picking on us.

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The commuter.

We shall produce our ticket at the gate...an obligation which we shall endeavour to adhere to always. Should we inadvertently forget it and be requested to show it, we shall comply graciously. It is human that the inspectors cannot remember all commuters.

We shall extricate our ticket from its hideout and be ready to produce it before reaching the gate so as not to hold up traffic.

If we are late for office or an appointment, it is not the fault of others and we shall not "pass the buck" by edging our way through the crowd to beat others to it.

After all, better late than never, and it generally means only an extra 10 minutes.

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In the fold. . .

It doesn't mean that once past the gate we are immune from being a potential pest.

We shall see that if it becomes necessary to indulge in an impromptu chit-chat, it will be at a corner where our presence will not obstruct others.

Children are often smothered by the adult crowd. We shall see that they be given space to shuffle along. Mothers with babies will be given the same privilege.

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Reading a newspaper as we embark is detrimental both to ourself and other passengers. We may get out of line and walk off the platform or get in the way of others.

Then while shuffling out through the gate on to the launch we shall refrain from giving way to impulse—nudging those ahead to move on—nor shall we permit the "All aboard" buzz to affect our calm.

We shall be courteous and shall not hesitate to apologise when we step on someone's shoe.

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All aboard...

The question of sharing seats on the launch is a belaboured one, especially in our column.

It is fortunate that the benches are now divided appropriately. Still, we shall bear in mind that every passenger should be given the privilege of having a seat, no matter how burdened we shall be with our packages.

Our neighbour certainly will not appreciate having his ears or nose tickled unnecessarily by the flapping pages of a newspaper and it shall be our desire to be considerate when scanning the pages.

There are as many non-smokers as smokers. We shall have a go only in the "Smoking Cabin." People chose their respective cabin for some reason or other. We shall resolve to respect their choice.

Then we shall be careful about our cigarette ash when out in the open. It shall not stain our neighbour's Sunday best if we can help it.

To go further, we shall refrain from smoking when disembarking among the crowd. Singed hair, burnt woollens and flitting ash breed "evil" thoughts.

These and many others do we resolve to abide by in the coming 365 days. Let's all turn a new leaf and smile through the Holy Year.

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A Happy and Peaceful New Year to you all!

World's oldest printing press in museum

Mainz, Germany, January 1.

The oldest printed page in the world is kept in the Gutenberg Museum here.

Johann Gutenberg, inventor of the printing press, printed two postcard size pages of the "Last Judgment" in 1445.

Professor Dr. Ruppel, director of the Museum, estimated their value at 24,000 D-Marks (about $6,000).

The Museum also contains the famous Gutenberg Bible, hand printed by Gutenberg from 1452 to 1455, which is the highest valued book in the world. It is valued at 1,000,000 D-marks (about $240,000) and was exhibited in the Congressional Library in Washington.

Other famous books in the Museum include the handwritten Bible of Charlemagne, the "Psalterium" which was finished by Gutenberg in 1459 and is valued at 500,000 D-Marks, and the illustrated History Bible of Libold Lauber, dating back to 1420.—United Press.

Who's who

At 60, after 38 years of Government service, Mr. Lo Tak-cheong, recently awarded with the MBE for long and loyal service in Hong Kong, still says he will carry on as long as he can "because I like my work."

Mr. Lo, who followed his father's footsteps at the age of 22 when he joined the Sanitary Department, celebrated his 60th anniversary yesterday.

"There are only three important things in life for me today working in my office, staying at home and visiting a few old friends," Mr. Lo declared.

A former student of Queen's College, the Hong Kong-born civil servant is now in charge of Shipping Registry, Harbour Office. He has been with this Government department since 1922.

Great assistance

It was cited that Mr. Lo refused to work for the Japanese, despite armed threats. His assistance in the recovery of hidden records of the Harbour Office after the Liberation was of great value to the Government.

"My father was a retired Government servant when I joined up. Had he been alive today he would have reached 90," Mr. Lo recalled.

During the occupation, Mr. Lo remained indoors most of the time, ignoring threats by the Japanese to work for them. "In 1943 I decided to escape into Free China and with the help of a few bosom friends I managed to reach the interior.

"I was then suffering from some leg ailment and could no walk well. But my friends, Mr. Ho Tak-kwong of the General Post Office and Mr. Wong Keng-wai, helped me to walk part of the journey which itself took about two hours," Mr. Lo recollected. It was from Shum Chun to Tongkun.

"My friends would walk for some distance ahead and then wait for me to reach them. Then they would go further again. This went on for two hours, till we reached Tongkun. We continued on by sedan-chair," he said.

Not for long

When the Japanese occupied the Colony, Mr. Lo was convinced that they would not remain long. "Everything was so sudden. They were so cruel and savage that I knew for sure it would not last long," Mr. Lo declared.

He led a secluded life with his family on the mainland until his departure for the interior of China.

Asked how and why he entered Government service, Mr. Lo smiled. "My father was one himself. He used to encourage me about joining the service. You have security and a steady job in this kind of work. Life is regular and is good for your health, too," he said.

Mr. Lo has four sons and two daughters. "They are studying now. Until they complete their studies, I will not try to influence them in choosing their own careers. But whenever possible, I shall encourage them to join the Government service," Mr. Lo said.

Among the Government departments which Mr. Lo had served are the Land Office, Police Magistracy and Revenue Office.

HK shirts on sale in Britain

London, December 31.

Hong Kong has joined Japan in competing with the Lancashire cotton industry, trade quarters said on Saturday.

Men's shirts imported from Hong Kong, and described as "British Empire Goods," were reported to be available at 5/6 each. The imported shirts are said to be accompanied by a Colonial Office certificate stating they were made in Hong Kong and imported under Imperial preference license.

One Manchester wholesale firm said orders have been placed for 700 dozen shirts and 300 dozen boys' shirts from Hong Kong.—United Press.

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"BENDORAN"	—"—	21st Jan.
"BENMACDHUI"	—"—	27th Jan.
"BENALDER"	—"—	10th Feb.
"BENMHOR"	—"—	12th Feb.
"BENAVON"	—"—	25th Feb.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	LOADING
"BENCLEUCH" / "BENALDER"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull.	18th Jan. / 16th Feb.
"BENVORLICH"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin, Antwerp & Havre.	12th Jan.
"BENVRACKIE" / "BENMHOR"	Genoa, Avonmouth, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull.	10th Jan. / 16th Feb.
"BENMACDHUI" / "BENAVON"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin, Havre and Antwerp.	31st Jan. / 28th Feb.

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"LIGHTNING" †	San Francisco	Jan. 17	Jan. 19	San Francisco & Los Angeles.
"SURPRISE" †	San Francisco	Jan. 27	Jan. 29	San Francisco & Los Angeles.
"GREAT REPUBLIC"	San Francisco	Feb. 14	Feb. 16	San Francisco & Los Angeles.

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ARRIVALS FROM

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"YANG TSE" ..... Europe ..... 10th Feb.

SAILINGS TO
PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE

"CHAMPOLLION" ... " " " ....18th Feb.
"LA MARSEILLAISE" ... " " " ....25th Feb

FREIGHT SERVICE

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Netherlands (B & S) ex-Pusan ... B.8
Shengking (B & S) ex-Kee-lung ... Cust. wh.
Steel Admiral (Gilman) ex-Manila ... A.7
Taiping (B & S) ex-Japan ... A.5

TODAY

Chuyang (JM) ex-Tientsin
Lichang (JM) ex-Calcutta
Norverett (Everett) ex-Saigon
Parlem (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay
Sea Serpent (USL) ex-San Francisco

TOMORROW

Astyanax (B & S) ex-UK
Hanan (B & S) ex-Tientsin
Mayerthorpe (B & S) ex-America

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

Andre Lebon (MM) for Manila
Arca (Dodwell) for Roland
Barry Colbeath (APL) for Manila
Nanking (Mac Mac) for Yokohama
Pechili (B & S) for Japan
Steel Admiral (Gilman) for USA
Wuchang (JM) for Keelung

TODAY

... (B & S) for Australia

TOMORROW

Baie Delmas for Europe
Lucas (B & S) for Yokohama
Hupeh (B & S) for Tientsin
Newchwang (B & S) for Japan
Oriental Mail (Dodwell) for Atlantic
Shantung (B & S) for Keelung
... (Rome) for Atlantic

Vessels In Port

An Dih (Chong Hsing) ... K.B.
American Transport (Jardine) ... A.12
Anchises (B & S) ... A.1
Ard Sarn (Mac Mac) ... A.7
Barracuda (Mariners) ... S.C.
Bengal (Gilman) ... A.4
Brown Ranger (NSO) Oil Fuel Jetty
Bute (Garnett) ... B.1
Cadmium (Bank) ... K.D.
Changking (CMSN) ... Yau.
Chi Tung (Wallem) ... Yau.
China Jen (CMSN) ... K.D.
Chow Hai (Williamson) ... Yau.
Chu Lee Sales (Mac Mac) ... W.D.
Chuen Sang (Jardine) ... B.2
Chung Hsing (Chung Hsing) ... Yau.
Chung 106 (CMSN) ... Co's Wht.
Cleveland (Holly) ... S.C.
Colonial (Nelsaco) ... K. Bay
Colon (Colonial) ... Yau.
Dah Han (Wallem) ... S.S.Po.
Da Lucchino (Jardine) ... K.D.
Dan Yu (CMSN) ... Yau.
Elise Moller (Mollers) ... N.P.
Ethel Moller (Samson) ... Yau.
Ernest Park (Yick Yuen) ... Yau.
Faith (Tieng Seng) ... S.S. Po.
Flying Arrow (Pattison) ... K. Wh.
Fort Sandusky (Bank) ... S.C.
Fort Charlotte (NSO) ... RNY.
Frosty Moller (Mollers) ... K.D.
Gujarat (BIL) ... A.11
Gruna (Trinity) ... A.14
Gunoe An (Jebsham) ... Yau.
Green Ranger (NSO) ... Yau.
Hai Au (Hua Sheng) ... Yau.
Hai Kang (CMSN) ... B.17
Hai Han (Jebsham) ... Yau.
Hai Hsin (CMSN) ... S.S. Po.
Hai Horng (Hua Sheng) ... Yau.
Hai Hung (Lee Bros.) ... S.S. Po.
Hai Kin (Lee Bros.) ... S.S. P.
Hai Lee (Thoresen) ... A.1
Hai Wei (Hua Sheng) ... Yau.
Hai Ziang (Hua Sheng) ... Yau.
Heinrich Jessen (Jebsen) ... B.4
Hermelin (Thoresen) ... B.19
Hing Cheng (Wing Bung) ... Yau.
Hoi Hsow (Larsen) ... A.11
Hwah Lee (Wallem) ... S.G.
Hung Cheng (CMSN) ... Yau.
Hupeh (B & S) ... B.11
Inchnay (Williamson) ... Yau.
Inchmuil (Williamson) ... Yau.
Iris (Rung Nam) ... S.S. Po.
Joseph S (Pure Cane) ... Cosmo
Kotgang (Jardine) ... K.wh.
Kweiyang (B & S) ... T.D.
Lai Shen (Jebshun) ... Yau.
Lancashire (B & S) ... K.wh.
Lee Kung (Dodwell) ... B.2
Lee Che (Mingsung) ... Yau.
Louise Moller (Mollers) ... L.C.K.
Lin Shen (Jebshun) ... Yau.
Lian Hain (King Tai) ... S.C.
Li Yi (BOTRA) ... S.C.
Luxmi (Bank) ... LCR
Marie Skou (Gilman) ... W.D.
Mausang (Jardine) ... B.16
Mei Lhu (Botra) ... Yau.
Ming Chung ... Yau.
Ming Sing (Chung Hsing) ... Yau.
Miramar (Larsen) ... K.D.
Mui Nan (Chin Seng) ... B.8
Mui Hung ... Kin.wh.
Newchwang (B & S) ... B.1
Ninghai (B & S) ... B.1
Pei Ming (Yee Tai Hong) ... Yau.
Ping On (Shun Cheong) ... Yau.
Pronto (Winly Co.) ... Cosmo
Poyang (B & S) ... Cust.
Ramona (Wallem) ... Shun.
San Eduardo (Yuen Tung) ... Yau.
San Miguel (Manhers) ... S.C.
Sanbay (King Tai) ... Yau.
Sandakia (Jebsen) ... Yau.
Shengking (B & S) ... Cust.wh.
Shaput (Sintoon) ... B.21
Shillong (Mac Mac) ... Kin. Wh.
Sin Soon Lee (Lee Bros.) ... Yau.
Stora Nordlake (Cable) ... L.C.K.
Sui Yuan (E A C) ... Yau.
Tadah (Hsiang S/S) ... Yau.
Tai Po Shan (Shun Cheong) ... S.C.
Taiping (B & S) ... A.5
Teh Hu (Teh Hu SS) ... S.G.
Ting Yuan (Ming Sung) ... S.G.
Tonjer (Larsen) ... K.D.
Tsai Er (CMSN) ... Yau.
Tsinan (B & S) ... T.D.
Union Carrier (China Union) ... S.C.
Unita (Dodwell) ... S.C.
Valve (Tung On) ... Yau.
Valerius (BIL) ... K.D.
Wah Chung (Yung Tung) ... Cosmo.
Wing Hing (Ta Hing) ... Yau.
Yung Hsing (Chehs Hsing) ... Yau.
Yung Yao (King Tai) ... S.C.

Vessels Due From

SOUTH AFRICA

January
Tjisadane (BIL) ... 7

AMERICA

ATLANTIC COAST

January
Arnold Maersk (Jebsen) ... 15
Alawai (Wallem) ... 17
Fernfield (Thoresen) ... 9
Fernhill (Thoresen) ... 17
Granville (Thoresen) ... 19
Halland (Ramsay) ... 20
Inland Mail (Everett) ... 15
Ida Dalbo (Mac Mac) ... 8
Pres. Jefferson (APL) ... 22
Pres. Tyler (APL) ... 14
Pres. Van Buren (APL) ... 9
York ... 9
Ocean Mail (Everett) ... 2
Pioneer Bay (USL) ... 21
Menesthens (B & S) ... 4
Pioneer Mail (USL) ... 18
Javanese Prince (Jardine) ... 17
Reinholt (Wallem) ... 7
Sally Maersk (Jebsen) ... 8
Steel Age (Gilman) ... 13
Tudor (Dodwell) ... 13

February
American Reporter (USL) ... 24
Belleville (Thoresen) ... 10
Borgholt (Wallem) ... 6
Chastine Maersk (Jebsen) ... 4
Chinese Prince (Jardine) ... 9
Fernstream (Thoresen) ... 23
Jean Lafitte (Wallem) ... 10
Pioneer Dale (USL) ... 7
Pres. Grant (APL) ex-New York ... 19
Steel Worker (Gilman) ... 2

March
British Prince (Jardine) ... 6
Fernbay (Thoresen) ... 10
Ferndale (Thoresen) ... 21
Pioneer Lake (USL) ... 8
Pioneer Sea (USL) ... 30

April
Pioneer Tide (USL) ... 4

PACIFIC COAST

January
American Transport (Jardine) ... 20
Colorado (Dodwell) ... 11
Charles E Dant (Dodwell) ... 30
Francisville (Bank) ... 21
China Transport (Jardine) ... 18
Drew Victory (Dodwell) ... 12
Kookaburra (Wallem) ... 11
Lightning (USL) ex-Frisco ... 17
Philippine Bear (BIL) ex-Frisco ... 11
Pres. Cleveland (APL) ex-Frisco ... 13
Pres. Harrison (APL) ex-Frisco ... 20
Pres. Pierce (APL) ex-Frisco ... 9
Pres. Wilson (APL) ex-Frisco ... 29
Sea Serpent (USL) ex-Frisco ... 3
Sutherland (E.A.) ... 20
Sunrise (USL) ex-Frisco ... 27
Virginia (Wallem) ... 26
Wyoming (Dodwell) ... 18

February
Castleville (Bank) ... 21
General Gordon (APL) ... 3
Great Republic (USL) ... 14
Nikobar (E.A.) ... 24
Pacific Transport (Jardine) ... 7
Philippine Transport (Jardine) ... 22

AUSTRALIA

January
Chaucer (B & S) ... 17
Ciltus (Dodwell) ... 24
Mackay (Gilb Livingston) ... 15
Nellore (Mac Mac) ex-Sydney ... 18

March
Arca (Dodwell) ... 5

February
Baluchistan (Jardine) ... 14
Eastern Sun (Jardine) ex-Melbourne ... 17

CHINA

January
Chuyang (Jardine) ex-Tientsin ... 1
Hunan (B & S) ex-Tientsin ... 3

EUROPE

January
Astyanax (B & S) ex-U.K. ... 4
Benlomond (Lenley) ... 6
Benloran (Loxley) ... 21
Benmacdhui (Loxley) ... 27
Benclerch (Loxley) ... 7
Benvorlich (Loxley) ... 7
Benvrackie (Loxley) ... 7
Calchas (B & S) ex-U.K. ... 20
Carthage (Mac Mac) ex-London ... 16
Elpenor (B & S) ex-U.K. ... 6
Epinal (MM) ... 25
Glenorchy (Jardine) ... 23
Glenroy (Jardine) ... 10
Langleecoat (RIL) ... Mid
Mongolia (E.A.) ... Mid
Pyrrhus (B & S) ex- U.K. ... 14
Somali (Mac Mac) ex-London ... 7
Sumatra (Gilman) ... 18
Tomar (Thoresen) ... 7
Trojlus (B & S) ex-U.K. ... 9

February
Benavon (Loxley) ... 25
Benmohr (Loxley) ... 12
Benalder (Loxley) ... 10
Boheme (Gilman) ... 8
Corfu (Mac Mac) ex-London ... 18
Glenartney (Jardine) ex-U.K. ... 10
Kwernaes (E.A.) ... End
Kyber (Mac Mac) ... 8
Marella (E.A.) ... End
Tungus (Thoresen) ... 16
Yang Tse (M M) ... 10

March
Breconshire (Jardine) ... 10
Canton (Mac Mac) ex-London ... 18
Hemland (Gilman) ... 21
Nagara (Gilman) ... 1
Torrens (Thoresen) ... 10

INDIA

January
Purnea (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay ... 3
Sangola (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta ... 24
Shirala (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta ... 18
Landaura (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay ... 17
Lekeung (Jardine) ex-Calcutta ... 3
Tairea (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta ... 10

February
Towergrange (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay
Pundua (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay Early

JAPAN

January
Foochow (B & S) ... 7
Hinsang (Jardine) ex-Pusan ... 14
Nordstjernan (Everett) ... 15
Ozarda (Mac Mac) ... 5
Rebeverett (Everett) ex-Kobe ... 5
Ridderkerk (BIL) ... 3
Ruys (BIL) ... 9
Sindhana (Mac Mac) ... 6
Szechuen (B & S) ... 6

February
Langleecoat (RIL) ... early

SOUTH EAST PORTS

January
Norreverett (Everett) ex-Saigon ... 3
Pioneer Mail (USL) ... 28
Pioneer Cove (USL) ex-Manila ... 8
Pres. Grant (APL) ex-Java Ports ... 13
Tjibadak (BIL) ex-Java Ports ... 12
Van Heutsz (BIL) ex-Singapore ... 7

February
Pioneer Bay (USL) ex-Manila ... 3

SOUTH AMERICA

January
Tjisadane (BIL) ... 7

Sailings To

AFRICA

January
25 Tjikampek (BIL).
February
25 Ruys (BIL).

AUSTRALIA

January
3 Changsha (B & S) for Sydney.
5 Taiping (B & S) for Sydney.
15 Eastern Glory (Jardine) for Sydney.
26 Nanking (Mac Mac).
February
12 Dilos (Dodwell).

AMERICA

ATLANTIC COAST

January
14 Ocean Mail (Everett).
4 Evangelos (Rama).
2 Fernfield (Thoresen).
11 Inland Mail (Everett).
12 Pioneer Cove (USL).
12 Peter Maersk (Jebsen).
20 Meredith Victory (Gilman).
22 Christer Salen (Mac Mac) for N.Y.
28 Pres. Tyler (APL) for New York.
26 Leise Maersk (Jebsen).
30 Pioneer Mail (USL).

February
5 Pioneer Bay (USL).
14 Steel Architect (Gilman).
20 Pres. Grant (APL) for New York.

PACIFIC COAST

January
5 Flying Arrow (Pattison) for Frisco.
8 Brooklyn Heights (Pattison) for Frisco.
8 Sea Serpent (USL) for Frisco.
12 Philippine Bear (USL) for Frisco.
12 Colorado (Dodwell).
16 Pres. Cleveland (APL) for Frisco.
19 Pres. Pierce (APL) for Frisco.
18 Drew Victory (Dodwell).
18 China Transport (Jardine) via Japan.
19 Lightning (USL) for Frisco.
17 Trafalgar (Dodwell).
19 Wyoming (Dodwell).
20 Axel Salen (Mac Mac).
20 Meredith Victory (Gilman) for Los Angeles.
23 Serampore (E.A.)
27 Pres. Harrison (APL) for Frisco.
29 Surprise (USL) for Frisco.
29 America Transport (Jardine)
29 Sunnyville (Bank) for Los Angeles
30 Pres. Wilson (APL) for Frisco.
31 Charles E Dant (Dodwell)

February
4 General Gordon (APL)
7 Pacific Transport (Jardine) via Keelung.
14 Steel Architect (Gilman).
15 Tudor (Dodwell)
16 Great Republic (USL) for Frisco
22 Philippine Transport (Jardine)

CHINA

January
4 Hupeh (B & S) for Tientsin
4 Shengking (B & S) for Keelung
5 Poyang (B & S) for Inchon and Tientsin
5 Brooklyn Heights (Pattison) fo Shanghai.
6 Chuyang (Jardine) for Tsingtao.
7 Lekeung (Jardine) for Keelung
7 Flying Arrow (Pattison)
7 Newchwang (B & S) for Tsingtao.

EUROPE

January
8 City of Coventry (Bank) for Havre, Aden.
4 BALI (Gilman)
7 Glenayle (Jardine) for Aden, Port Said.
6 Menesthens (B & S).
7 Clytoneus (B & S) for Liverpool.
12 Benvorlich (Loxley) for Antwerp
9 Ridderkerk (RIL)
10 Benvrackie (Loxley)
8 Burnt (Mac Mac) for Genoa, London
18 Beneleuch (Loxley) for London.
20 Mortala (MM).
21 Carthage (Mac Mac) for London
25 Astyanax (B & S) for Marseilles.
25 Tomar (Thoresen).
31 Benmacdhui (Loxley).

February
Early Longleescot (RIL).
Early Sumatra (Gilman)
Beg. Mongolia (E.A.).
4 Somali (Mac Mac).
5 LT. DE. Latour (MM).
10 Benmohr (Loxley).
15 Benalder (Loxley).
17 Corfu (Mac Mac) for London.
18 Champollion (MM).
25 La Marseillee (MM).
28 Benavon (Loxley).
Tarifa (Thoresen).

March
Mid Kwernaes (E.A.).
17 Canton (Mac Mac) for London.

April
14 Carthage (Mac Mac) for London.

May
12 Corfu (Mac Mac) for London.

June
9 Canton (Mac Mac) for London.

INDIA

January
7 Ozarda (Mac Mac) for Bombay.
11 Sindhana (Mac Mac) for Calcutta.
21 Shirala (Mac Mac) for Calcutta.

JAPAN

January
4 Fujkien (B & S) for Yokohama.
4 Norreverett (Everett).
7 Purnea (Mac Mac).
9 Tjisadane (RIL).
12 Tairea (Mac Mac).
Mid Langleescot (RIL).
20 Changte (B & S) for Kure.
20 Merker (Gibb Livingston).
26 Sangola (Mac Mac).

February
18 Baluchistan (Jardine).

SOUTH EAST PORTS

January
5 Tjisalengka (RIL) for Java Ports & Singapore.
5-6 Kweiyang (B & S) for Singapore.
7 Hwasang (Jardine) for Sandakan.
9 Hinsang (Jardine) for Singapore.
8 Szechuen (B & S) for Bangkok.
9 Poowchow (B & S) for Singapore.
9 Steel Age (Gilman) for Saigon.
10 Rebeverett (Everett) for Manila.
12 Van Heutsz (RIL) for Singapore.
14 Pres. Grant (APL) for Java Ports
16 Nordstjernan (Everett) for Manila
16 Pioneer Mail (USL) for Manila.
19 Tjibadak (RIL) for Java Ports.
22 Pioneer Bay (USL) for Manila.
23 Transylvania (Bank) for Singapore.
25 Tjikarapak (RIL) fore Manila
26 Hai Lee (Thoresen) for Singapore.

February
5 Pioneer Dale (USL) for Manila.
9 Merkur (Gibb Livingston) for Manila.
23 Ruys (RIL) for Manila.

SOUTH AMERICA

January
25 Tjikampek (RIL).

February
23 Ruys (RIL).

ROUND THE WORLD

January
10 Pres. Van Buren (APL).
24 Pres. Jefferson (APL).

AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

TODAY

AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon, Haiphong: 8.15 p.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Okinawa: 12.45 p.m.
PAL ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila: 2 p.m.
POAS ex-Bangkok: 4 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Taipeh: 3.15 p.m. and 4.15 p.m.
BOAC ex-London, Bangkok: 4.40 p.m.

TOMORROW

CPA ex-Singapore via Bangkok: 8 a.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila: 1.45 p.m.; ex-Bangkok: 2.15 p.m.
PAL ex-Vancouver, Tokyo: 7 a.m.
BOAC ex-Singapore: 4 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Taipeh: 3.15 and 4.15 p.m.

THURSDAY

CPA ex-Manila: 11.50 a.m.; ex-Saigon: 6.45 p.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Okinawa: 12.45 p.m.
BOAC ex-Tokyo, 1.50 p.m.
HK AIRWAY ex-Taipeh: 4.15 p.m.
QANTAS ex-Sydney: 2.15 p.m.

Departures

TODAY

CPA for Singapore via Bangkok: 7.15 p.m.
PAA for New York via London, Bahrein, Damascus, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok: 2.30 p.m.
BOAC for Tokyo: 6.30 a.m.; for Bangkok, London: 7 a.m.; for Singapore: 9 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Taipeh: 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.

TOMORROW

AIR FRANCE for Haiphong, Saigon, Paris: 8.15 a.m.
CPA for Saigon: 11.15 a.m.; Manila: 3.30 p.m.
PAA for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Midway, Honolulu: 4.30 p.m.; San Francisco via Okinawa, Tokyo, Wake, Honolulu: 5.30 p.m.
POAS for Singapore via Bangkok: 7.15 a.m.
BOAC for Tokyo 6.30 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Tokyo: 8 and 9 a.m.

THURSDAY

PAA for New York via Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Damascus, Istanbul, London: 2.30 p.m.
PAL for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Honolulu: 10 a.m.
BOAC for Bangkok, London: 7 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Taipeh: 9 a.m.
CPAL for Tokyo, Vancouver: 2.30 p.m.

POST OFFICE

AIR MAIL DELAYED

The Inward Airmail from United Kingdom, scheduled to arrive on Monday, January 2 1950, has been delayed and is now expected to arrive on Tuesday, January 3, 1950.

The Outward Airmail for United Kingdom, scheduled to close at 12 noon on Monday, January 2, 1950, will now close on Tuesday, January 3 at GPO Kowloon 4.30 p.m. and GPO Hong Kong 5 p.m. (Registered mail one hour earlier).

The Outward Airmail for Japan, scheduled to close at 12 noon on Monday, January 2, 1950, will now close on Tuesday, January 3, at GPO Kowloon 4.30 p.m. and GPO Hong Kong 5 p.m. (Registered mail one hour earlier).

MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

Unregistered Letters only for Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Shanghai, Tientsin and North China can be accepted at senders risk, and will be forwarded at opportunity offers.

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3
Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Bolbow, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 4 p.m.
Airmail for Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Cairo (Nairobi, Mombasa, Dares Salaam, Mauritius and Johannesburg via Cairo), Rome and London, Kowloon CPO: (Reg.) 3.30 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.; GPO: (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Air Parcel Post for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon CPO) 4 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.
Ordinary Airmail (printed matters, samples and small packet posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon CPO) 4 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Japan, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Haiphong and Saigon, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Taipeh, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Australia and New Zealand via Sydney, (Par. and Reg.) 12 noon, (Ord.) 1 p.m.
Parcels only for Canada via Vancouver BC, 3 p.m.
Formosa via Keelung, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4
Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 10 a.m., (Ord.) 11 a.m.
Airmail for Taipeh, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Hoihow and Bangkok, 9 a.m.
Hongkong, 9 a.m.
Manila, 3 p.m.
Formosa via Keelung, 2 p.m.
Straits, Batavia, Soerabaya and Macassar, 3 p.m.

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SAILINGS TO

s.s. "WINGSANG" Keelung ... 2nd Jan.
s.s. "HEWSANG" Sandakan ... 7th Jan.
s.s. "LOKSANG" Keelung & Japan ... 7th Jan.
s.s. "CHOYSANG" Tsingtao & Tientsin ... 8th Jan.
s.s. "HINSANG" Singapore, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta ... 9th Jan.

ARRIVALS FROM

s.s. "LOKSANG" Calcutta & Straits ... 3rd Jan.
s.s. "CHOYSANG" Tientsin & Tsingtao ... 4th Jan.
s.s. "HEWSANG" Keelung ... 6th Jan.
s.s. "HINSANG" Japan Fusan & Keelung ... 6th Jan.

Cargo accepted on through Bills of Lading for MADRAS via Singapore and for KUDAT, JESSELTON, LABUAN, TAWAU, LAHAD-DATU & SEMPORNA via Sandakan.

AUSTRALIA CHINA LINE LTD.

SAILINGS TO

s.s. "EASTERN GLORY" Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, & FREMANTLE ... 16th Jan.
s.s. "BALUCHISTAN" Japanese Ports ... 18th Feb.

ARRIVALS FROM

m.v. "EASTERN SAGA" Melbourne, Adelaide and Fremantle ... 12th Feb.
s.s. "BALUCHISTAN" Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney via Saigon ... 14th Feb.

(Carrier's option to proceed via other ports to load/discharge)

GLEN LINE LTD.

SAILINGS TO U.K. AND CONTINENT VIA SUEZ

m.v. "GLENGYLE"
Loads 4th/7th January for Straits, Colombo, Aden, Port Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Genoa, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg.
Due London 14th February.

(Carrier's option to proceed via other ports to load/discharge)

ARRIVALS FROM U.K. VIA STRAITS

	Leaves London	due Hong Kong
m.v. "DENBIGHSHIRE"	Discharging Holts Wharf	
m.v. "GLENROY"	Sailed	10th Jan.
m.v. "GLENORCHY"	Sailed	28th Jan.
m.v. "GLENARTNEY"	7th Jan.	10th Feb.
m.v. "GLENEARN"	21st Jan.	24th Feb.
m.v. "BRECONSHIRE"	4th Feb.	10th Mar.

All outward vessels accept cargo for Japan Ports

PRINCE LINE LTD.

ARRIVALS FROM U.S. ATLANTIC & PACIFIC PORTS

	Sails N.Y.	Sails S.F.	Due H.K
m.v. "JAVANESE PRINCE"	Sailed	Sailed	17th Jan.
m.v. "CHINESE PRINCE"	Sailed	15th Jan.	9th Feb.
s.s. "BRITISH PRINCE"	28th Jan.	9th Feb.	6th Mar.

Load for HALIFAX, BOSTON & NEW YORK via Japan, Philippines, Java, Malaya, Colombo & Suez

All above sailings & arrivals are subject to alteration without notice All intending Passengers are requested to register their names as far as possible in advance of the time at which they wish to leave.

PACIFIC TRANSPORT LINES

ARRIVALS FROM SAN FRANCISCO

	Sails S.F.	Due H.K.
s.s. "CHINA TRANSPORT"	Sailed	18th Jan.
s.s. "AMERICA TRANSPORT"	8th Jan.	30th Jan.
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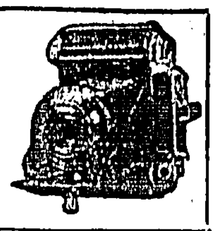

CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1950.

Sports Pause
DRINK Coca-Cola

Chinese runner wins New Year race in Kowloon

Wong Ching-ling, Chinese long distance runner, won the Annual New Year's Day Kowloon Harrier Road Race.

Wong, who represented China at the last Olympic Games, ran the seven and a quarter mile course through Kowloon's main thoroughfares in the record time of 35 minutes 10 seconds.

Leading all the way in a field of 97, Wong beat Lieutenant E. R. Downer, RASC, English international runner, who finished second by 58 seconds.

H. Inskip, RAMC, Leung Kai, Gold and Silver Exchange Brokers' Association, and Fred Atkins, 42 Commando, finished third, fourth and fifth, respectively.

The annual event was held under the joint sponsorship of the Chinese YMCA, the Chinese Communis Association and the Chinese Residents' Association.

Among the 71 of the 97 runners who finished in the order named were Haydn Hope, 42 Commando; F. H. Newton, RMCA; Barry Steven Brester, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; Eddie Budge, 42 Commando; Terence Moynan, Royal Signals; B. Michael, G. Allen, Bob Perrie Helling, Holmes, Poon Kit-chee, J. Alfred, W. B. Harris, K. Thompson, Lam Ming, Lau Po-chau, Wong Cheung-lai, F. T. Kirby, E. Molloy, Chau Chai-ching, F. Nash Skinner, Clifford Roust and Mak Lam.

One lone woman entry, Miss Leung Kin-man, ran two and a quarter miles of the women's section in 22 30 minutes.

At the conclusion of the race prizes were presented to the winners by Mr Kwok Lam-po Vice-Chairman of the Chinese YMCA.

RUGBY RESULTS

London, December 31.

The following are the results of rugby football games played today

League Barrow 15 Widnes 7, Batley 25 York 18; Belle Vue Rangers 19 Oldham 6; Halifax 13 Castleford 0; Hull 14 Bradford Northern 14; Hunslet 21 Hull Kingston Rovers 3; Keighley 7 Dewsbury 0; Leeds 15 Wigan 6; Leigh 15 St Helen's 10; Rochdale Hornets 2 Salford 8, Swinton 22 Liverpool Stanley 5, Warrington 23 Wakefield Trinity 5, Workington Town 9 Whitehaven 2.

Union Harlequins 3 London Scottish 3, London Irish 8 St. Thomas Hospital 0, Middlesex Hospital 8 St Bart's Hospital 3; Old Merchant Taylors 6 London Hospital 8, Old Millhillians 0 Guy's Hospital 13; Old Granleighans 3 Fettesian-Lorettonians 21, Richmond 9 Coventry 6, St. Mary's Hospital 9 Blackheath 3; Wasps 13 Notts 6; Aberavon 9 London Welsh 0; Abertillery 0 Newbridge 14; Bath 5 Leicester 11; Bideford 6 Rosslyn Park 16, Birmingham 9 Old Alleynians 11, Bridgend 8 Llanelly 6; Bristol 0 Devonport Services 3; Cross Keys 16 Weston-super-Mare 11; Ebbw Vale 11 Neath 9; Manchester 3 Liverpool 25; Newport 11 Gloucester 0; Northampton 21 Sale 0; North of Ireland 8 Stewart's College Former Pupils 0; Penarth 11 Cardiff 12; Plymouth Albion 8 Redruth 0; Pontypool 16 Swansea 3; Somerset Police 8 Bridgewater and Albion 0; Torquay Athletic 12 Taunton 0; United Services, Portsmouth 8 Old Paulines 3; Glasgow High School Former Pupils 16 Edinburgh Academicals 6; Heriot's Former Pupils 30 Dunfermline 3.—Reuter.

IRC CRICKET MATCH

In their return cricket challenge match at the Indian Recreation Club on Sunday between members under "37" and members over "37", the over "37" were rather fortunate to hold the youngsters to a draw game. Only time saved them from certain defeat.

Having first lease of the wicket the under "37" scored 165. A. R. Kitcholl batted extremely well for 47 runs before being stumped. F. M. el Arculli was the most successful bowler capturing six wickets for 49.

On their turn to bat the over "37" were given a good start by S. A. Ismail and A. H. Madar the first wicket falling for 41 runs to which Madar contributed 38.

With the exception of A. K. Minu who scored 22 not out the rest of the batsmen found the bowling of the under "37" too good and when stumps were drawn they had lost 9 wickets for 101 runs.

B. M. Omar captured three wickets for 20 runs and I. M. Omar two for 22.

Barcelona XI beat Manila side

Manila, January 2.

The famous Barcelona football team club, Deportivo Espanol, won an easy 7-2 victory over an all-Manila team last night in the opening contest of a three-game series here. Barcelona will play the Hong Kong team on Tuesday night and Thursday night.

Inside right Antonio Segarra scored three goals for the smooth-passing Barcelona team and his team mate Diego Castella scored two. Centre forward Alberto Larrazabal scored both of Manila's goals.

Manila made a contest of it for a few minutes in the first half but was outclassed in the long run. The score at half time was 4-1 for Barcelona.—United Press.

Salaman's XI lose to Occasionals

In a friendly cricket match played at Chater Road yesterday, Major Salaman's Eleven were defeated by the Occasionals by 158 runs.

Taking first lease of the wicket the Occasionals scored 194 for six wickets and then declared. P. E. Hudson contributed 75 before being caught by A. Hodgkinson off R. C. Corfield.

H. M. Newton scored 48 and R. S. Cull made a useful 32.

Major Salaman used six bowlers and K. Wilson who was brought on as a change bowler was the most successful, obtaining two wickets in two overs for nine runs. M. S. Beevers also obtained two Occasional wickets but gave away 64 runs.

Major Salaman's XI could not cope with the deadly bowling of R. S. Cull and R. Gambrill and were all out for 36 runs. None of the batsmen reached double figures and R. C. Corfield together with "Mr. Extras" was topscorer with 8.

Cull obtained five wickets in 10 overs, six of which were maidens, for 11 runs while Gambrill skittled out the other five in 9.2 overs, three of which were maidens, for 17 runs.

OCCASIONALS

R.S. Cull, c Salaman, b Beevers	32
P.E. Hudson, c Hodgkinson, b Corfield	75
D.I. Bonsanquet, c Pearce, b Beevers	7
H.M. Newton, c Young, b Cox	48
H. Owen-Hughes, st Oldham, b Wilson	19
M. Calvert, not out	1
R.J. MacPherson, b Wilson	0
Extras	12
Total (for six wkts.) declared	194

R. Gambrill, K. Hall, D. Gall and G. Vaughan did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Corfield	13	2	32	1
Young	4	1	23	0
Beevers	12	1	64	2
Cox	7	0	47	1
Pearce	2	0	8	0
Wilson	2	0	9	2

MAJOR SALAMAN'S XI

V. Davin, c Owen-Hughes, b Cull	1
J.H. Salaman, b Cull	4
R. Pearce, c MacPherson, b Gambrill	1
K. Wilson, c Hudson, b Gambrill	1
A. Hodgkinson, b Cull	0
E.A. Young, c Owen-Hughes, b Cull	0
D.P. Oldham, lbw, b Gambrill	2
J.L.C. Cox, b Gambrill	4
R.C. Corfield, b Gambrill	8
M.S. Beevers, b Cull	1
P.S. Woods, not out	4
Extras	8
Total	36

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Cull	10	6	11	5
Gambrill	9.2	3	17	5

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Hurst Park Racecourse, London, December 31.

Monaveen, the steeple-chaser jointly owned by the Queen and Princess Elizabeth today won the Queen Elizabeth Chase Handicap over three miles 180 yards, beating Freebooter, with Klaxton third.

Monaveen, an eight-year-old gelding with which the Princess hopes to win the Grand National next year, fenced faultlessly, and Tony Grantham, his rider, made the best of his light weight to win by six lengths.

The Princess was obviously overjoyed by the success of the horse, which she patted affectionately, while smiling at Grantham, to whom she said "Congratulations" with much feeling.—Reuter.

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Calcutta, December 31.

Mrs Pat Todd from California won the women's singles in the Asian lawn tennis championships here today, beating Britain's Mrs Betty Hilton 6-4, 6-0 in the final.

The men's doubles crown went to Dilip Bose and Sumant Misra (India), who beat F. Ampon and C. Carmona (Philippines) 3-6, 10-8, 6-1, 6-4.—Reuter.

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Alexandria, January 1.

The Austrian touring football club, Vienna, beat a combined Greek and Egyptian team by three goals to zero here today. They led 2-0 at half time.

Vienna's best players were Karl Koller and Ernest Sabeditsch. Bruno Engelmeier was outstanding, his performance preventing a goal despite numerous attacks by the home side. About 15,000 people watched the game.—Reuter.

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Adelaide, December 31.

Eric Sturgess (South African) and Jaroslav Drobny, self-exiled Czechoslovakian ace, today won the South Australian men's doubles title.

They beat Frank Sedgman and Adrian Quist (Australia) 6-4, 6-4, 10-12, 6-2.—Reuter.

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Calcutta, January 1.

Dilip Bose, won the men's singles final in the Asian Lawn Tennis Championships here today, beating Sumant Misra in the All-India final by 6-1, 6-2.

The women's doubles title was won by the American pair, Mrs. Pat Todd and Miss "Gussie" Moran who defeated the British girls Mrs. Betty Hilton and Miss Kay Tuckey, by 6-4, 10-8.

Philippe Washer, of Belgium, and Miss Moran, of the United States, won the mixed doubles title. In the final they beat Dragutin Mitic, of Yugoslavia, and Mrs. Todd, of the United States, by 6-3, 5-7, 7-5.—Reuter.

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Madrid, January 1.

Two touring football teams from the Argentine were beaten and one drew in their matches today in Spain. San Lorenzo de Almagro drew 3-3 here with Atletico de Madrid, Newell's Old Boys lost 2-0 to Real Socieded Football Club at San Sebastien, and the Argentine Racing Club lost 2-1 to Barcelona Football Club at Barcelona.—Reuter.

Golf by night is the latest

London, January 1.

Floodlights have become very popular in the case of many games such as football, baseball, racing and even track and field athetics. Now golf by night is being added to the list.

One cannot floodlight a whole golf course but two hardy British enthusiasts of this Royal and Ancient game have this week played a match in the dark.

They used golf balls specially prepared with luminous paint and each had a strong electric torch which was used to light up the ball on each tee and the hole on each green.

Their match, believed to be the first ever played anywhere under such conditions, took place over the Bexley Heath Club in Kent. They played only nine holes, starting at 7.30 p.m., when it was pitch dark.

The par figure for the nine holes is 35. One player took 49 and the other 51.

The players found it much more difficult to use a wood than an iron in the dark and decided to use irons even from the tee after the first few holes.

Obviously golf cannot be played universally under such conditions and the course would have to be chosen with care. (Think of trying to look for a ball at night on such a "jungle" course as Walton Heath!)

But these two enthusiasts have set other golfers in Britain thinking and determined to have a try themselves at the new sport.—Reuter.

Ladies triumph in the annual softball classic

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Fancy dress draped by the Committee and Scribes added colour to the hilarious diamond activities on New Year's Day, when the Ladies triumphed in the Annual Classic again by 16-8.

Prior to game time, Prexy Molthen assembled the Committee, sportswriters and friends, at his residence where seasonal greetings were exchanged and the playing strategy mapped out.

In the Men's Junior league games played off, Jaguar Cubs nosed out Overseas Chinese 5-4, while the Pandas extended the powerful Blackhawks to nine innings before losing a 3-2 heartbreaker. Braves trampled over Griffins 20-5, while Rexes had and easy 14-5 victory over the Delawares.

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In the Ladies twin-bill, White Fangs defeated McTyeirreans 10-3 behind Josette Tiampo's 11 strikeouts. Squaws were the victims of a second inning 6-run splurge to succumb 11-2 before St. Teresa's onslaught.

The White Fang battery of Josette Tiampo and Graciella Collaco are fast making a name for themselves in the ladies junior loop, as the team held the McTyeireans to a one-hit game. Although the McTyreire batters were not in good hitting form, there is no doubt that sporting attitude was a hit with the fans, particularly their first sacker Miranda Lo who had the "wolves" rooting for her every time she came to bat.

Squaws shared a two-all tie with St. Teresa's after the first stanza, but an uprising in the second semester which produced six runs on three hits and four errors, squelched all chances of the Squaws pulling the game out of the fire, as they went through the rest of the game hitless and scoreless.

The Classic

After consuming a sumptuous lunch—not to mention the liquid appetisers—as only Mrs. Carmen Molthen can prepare, the Committee and Scribes contingent sallied forth to the ball park, to battle the Ladies.

The shortage of public conveyance during the festival season made it necessary for most of the players to thumb their way to the VBA Ground. Those who were left waiting for other transport, attracted a near-riot crowd, and there were not a few loud chuckles as the gentry went into the spirit of the New Year.

Umpire Mike Lee's summons to "Play Ball" was the signal for festive cigars to be lit, and for buxom Gerald "El Furioso" Jones to adjust his plumed head-gear and to apply the finishing touches to his make-up. Unfortunately for Gerald, a loud "pop" before the game was over answered the "true or false" question.

Rennie "Mimi from Montmatre" Sequiera's nylons were fully exposed, even the suspenders being in view as he ignored the important item of a skirt, in order to have what Rennie calls "freedom" of movement."

Buster Hollands' bonnet completed a perfect picture of a bashful beauty, but after an experience of Southern exposure as he dived back to second base, Buster decided to take a less embarassing position of pitching. Nevertheless, Bustless Buster visibly paled when the opposition had the bases loaded and threatened a squeeze play.

Bobby-soxer Philo Remédios complete with bandana and sporting a shiner found picking up grounders at short-stop produced too many wolf-calls, and switched positions with Hal Winglee, whose patches and liberal application of burnt cork resulted in a typical coon tramp enjoying a discarded cigar stub.

Wrong-way Chung

Dick Chung in a complete jockey's outfit found the absence of a pony a definite handicap as he ran bases the wrong way around the sacks, while Charlie "Old Horse" Figueredo in a rising sun camouflage outfit was so well disguised that the gals kept running into him, not that Charlie minded. Tubby "Stardust" Moosdeen actually hit a ball and made first base in his fastest time—30 seconds!

There is absolutely no truth in the rumour that Alice Mar, pitching for the Committee, was suspected of sabotage. Frank Cleary's Girls must have been playing different rules as they kept scoring with regularity, aided and abetted by umpires Mike Lee and Bimby "Flying Timer" Ablong.

Mustachioed Doc Molthen in a boiler suit soon put a stop to the scoring when he called time out to boost his side. The bottled energy apparently produced results, and the side was finally retired.

The Ladies fully co-operated in the gala and turned out in full. Spectators present enjoyed themselves tremendously and came prepared with a plentiful supply of pyotechnics.

Wanda Rodriques, charged with recording the game, had a hectic time, and was only awakened from the night-mare when a fire-cracker exploded right under her. Pip-squeak Wanda's final score of 16-8 in favour of the ladies needs to be checked. Umpire-in-chief Don Robbins was right there on the spot with a movie camera recording the rare sight.

At the customary tea-party after the game, members of the committee and representatives from the umpiring and scoring sections were called upon to say a few words. The unanimous opinion was that the show was success, and to sum it up in Pirate June Lee's words "It was super, may there be many more!"

EXHIBITION GAME

Committee & Scribes 8 Ladies 16

MEN'S JUNIOR LEAGUE

Jaguars	5	Overseas	4
B. Hawks	3	Pandas	2

(nine inning game)

Rexes	14	Delawares	5
Braves	20	Griffins	5

(five inning game)

LADIES' JUNIOR LEAGUE

White Fangs	10	McTyeirreans	3
Squaws	2	St. Teresa	11

Hong Kong football

FIRST DIVISION

Kwong Wah	1	Chinese AA	0

SECOND DIVISION

Kit Chee	2	News Vendors	5
South China	3	Chinese AA	0

Governor's Cup soccer competition

The second game in the Governor's Cup Soccer Competition on the Club Ground at Happy Valley on New Year's Day ended in a win for the Chinese National Amateur Athletic Federation XI, who defeated Hong Kong Football Association team by six goals to one.

On conclusion of the game, the Cup and miniatures were presented to the Chinese players by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham. Medals were also presented to members of the Hong Kong Football Association XI.

The first game in this Competition was played on December 4 and resulted in a win for the Chinese by five goals to one.

HK Team leaves to play Spanish XI in Manila

A local football team which was invited by Manila to play two games against the Barcelona Football Team at Manila, left for the Philippine city yesterday in a Philippine Air Lines aircraft.

The team consisting of 22 members was led by Mr. S. C. Guimgan (Manager) and Mr. Chau Man-chi (Captain).

The two games will be played today and Wednesday and it is expected that the team will return here on Friday.

UNIVERSITY CRICKET MATCH

Hong Kong University undergraduates beat a University Past team by five wickets in their annual cricket encounter at Pokfulam on New Year's Day.

Batting first, the Alumni scored 90 runs for two wickets before lunch but lost the rest of the wickets for 30 runs.

The two games will be played today and Wednesday and it is expected that the team will return here on Friday.

The undergraduates completed batting on the eighth wicket with 100 runs.

Liverpool beat Arsenal in high-powered duel

London, December 31.

Billy Liddell, dynamic Liverpool winger, again proved the match winner for the English Premier League leaders in a high-powered duel with Arsenal today.

He scored both Liverpool goals, one in each half. The first was from a rebound after Payne's shot had hit the post; the second came when goal-keeper Swindin carried the ball over his line in trying to save Liddell's corner kick.

Arsenal though under pressure for long periods managed to force many corners but could not press home their attacks. Their defeat coincided with the announcement that this famous London club made a record profit of £59,125 on last season's workings.

Though victorious, Liverpool could not shake off their rivals Manchester United who fought back after being a goal down to their lowly neighbour, the City, to win by the odd goal of three before 64,000 spectators—the largest crowd of the day.

Liverpool with 35 points thus retain their two-point advantage. With many clubs hit by injuries, following the gruelling Christmas programme, it was not surprising that several matches in the last English league programme of 1949 produced heavy scoring. The Newport-Bristol City match provided ten goals; in the same division Watford beat Ipswich by six clear goals; In Division Two Grimsby triumphed 6-1 over Luton while lowly Bradford whipped in five against Hull City.

Luton must have been particularly dismayed by their heavy reverse at Grimsby for the two teams meet at Luton in the English F. A. Cup third round next week.

Grimsby's ace centre-forward Tommy Briggs top marksman in England, scored a hat-trick.

Dress rehearsal

Another "dress rehearsal" for next week's Cup contest was at Charlton where the home team after six successive defeats this month beat their neighbours Fulham by 2-1.

Leftwing Chris Duffy, who scored the winning goal for Charlton in the 1947 Cup final made his first appearance in the side since the opening of the season and scored Charlton's winner.

Bottom of the first division, Birmingham City made eight team changes against high-ranking Burnley yet managed to gain a point. The reconstructed Birmingham side actually led 1-0 until late in the match.

Wolverhampton Wanderers were forced to field a reserve half-back line yet registered one of the best wins in the top division, scoring three times in the last 18 minutes against Blackpool.

It was Wolves' first home success since September 24 and Blackpool's first defeat since October 22. The Wolves' international wingers Hancock and Mullen were in sparkling form and each recorded a goal.

Derby County, fancied by many as potential Cup winners continued their fine run by winning 3-1 at Stoke. They have now gained 13 out of their last 16 possible points.

Spurs superior

Though Tottenham Hotspur, Division Two leaders, never produced their best form they were clearly superior to Cardiff City. Their Welsh international, Billy Rees, on his home debut for the Spurs, scored the first goal against his former club.

Still 10 points behind, Sheffield Wednesday increased their lead over Hull City in the race for the second promotion place by winning away against injury-plagued Chesterfield.

Notts County, Division Three leaders, met with a setback at Bournmouth. The County defence was hesitant against the lively home defence.

In the northern section, Doncaster Rovers greatly strengthened by the introduction at centre-forward of Harrison from Burnley, overwhelmed Southport and now lead by two clear points from Rochdale.

The attendance boom which began over Christmas continued and the aggregate again comfortably topped the million mark.

Scotland's New Year football carnival of three games in four days started with plenty of goals. Thirty six were scored in the A. Division, ten coming in the relegation battle between Raith Rovers and Falkirk.

Falkirk led 3-1 at one time but the Rovers rallied grandly to win 6-4. Hibernian and Hearts continued their all-conquering careers, but Hibernian who have gone 13 games without defeat, were pressed to beat Clyde and had to thank half-back Buchanan for a second half goal and victory.

The Rangers slipped in their challenge to Hibernian when dropping a home point to Dundee.—Reuter.

Home football league tables

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts.
Liverpool	25	12	11	2	45	26	35
Manchester U	25	12	9	4	42	21	33
Blackpool	24	11	9	4	33	20	31
Wolves	25	11	9	5	48	32	31
Portsmouth	25	11	8	6	44	26	30
Derby	26	11	8	7	37	26	30
Burnley	24	12	5	7	45	31	29
Arsenal	26	11	7	8	47	35	29
Sunderland	25	11	6	8	46	41	28
Chelsea	25	9	9	7	43	37	27
Middlesbro	25	10	5	10	31	30	25
Newcastle	25	9	6	9	44	38	24
Fulham	26	8	8	9	30	29	24
West Brom	25	9	6	10	37	36	24
Villa	26	7	9	9	32	37	23
Huddersfield	26	7	7	12	30	34	21
Stoke	26	6	8	12	29	47	20
Everton	25	8	5	11	24	45	20
Charlton	26	8	3	15	30	44	19
Bolton	25	4	10	11	27	33	18
Manchester C	25	5	7	13	23	44	17
Birmingham	26	3	8	14	19	46	14

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts.
Spurs	25	20	4	1	60	17	44
Sheffield W	24	13	8	3	44	27	34
Hull	25	14	5	6	40	47	31
Southampton	24	10	9	5	38	28	29
Bury	25	12	5	8	47	32	29
Sheffield U	26	9	11	6	37	28	29
Leeds	26	9	9	8	29	29	27
West Ham	25	9	8	8	35	32	26
Preston	26	9	7	10	35	34	25
Grimsby	25	9	6	10	48	44	24
Chesterfield	26	9	6	11	25	31	24
Brentford	26	8	8	10	24	31	24
Swansea	25	9	5	11	33	36	23
Barnsley	25	7	9	9	36	40	23
Cardiff	24	9	5	10	24	30	23
Leicester	26	6	10	10	30	45	22
Blackburn	26	10	1	14	33	41	21
Luton	25	8	11	9	24	36	21
Queen's PR	26	6	8	12	26	34	20
Bradford	25	7	6	12	38	48	20
Plymouth	25	6	8	12	31	45	18
Coventry	24	6	7	12	31	40	17

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts.
Notts C	23	16	4	3	54	21	36
Northampton	24	13	5	6	45	31	31
Torquay	24	13	5	6	41	26	31
Norwich	24	12	4	7	40	30	30
Bournemouth	25	12	6	7	39	32	30
Notts F	24	12	4	8	37	21	28
Reading	25	12	4	9	49	40	28
Port Vale	23	10	7	6	27	16	27
Southend	21	10	7	4	32	19	27
Watford	24	9	8	7	27	20	26
Bristol C	24	8	5	11	37	43	21
Brighton	24	8	5	11	34	47	21
Walsall	23	7	6	10	35	29	20
Swindon	23	7	6	10	36	33	20
Palace	23	7	6	10	28	35	20
Newport	23	6	4	11	46	60	20
Bristol R	23	6	5	12	22	32	19
Millwall	24	6	3	14	33	40	18
Aldershot	23	7	4	12	22	35	18
Orient	23	6	6	11	29	49	18
Exeter	23	5	4	14	32	56	14
Ipswich	23	3	7	13	28	54	13

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts.
Doncaster	23	12	9	2	36	18	33
Rochdale	24	14	5	7	39	30	31
Stockport	25	11	6	8	51	42	28
Rotherham	24	10	7	7	44	29	27
Mansfield	24	10	7	7	41	35	27
Crewe	23	10	7	6	41	35	27
Southport	24	11	4	9	35	35	26
Tranmere	22	11	4	7	26	24	26
Lincoln	23	11	3	9	29	27	25
Oldham	24	9	7	8	31	34	25
Carlisle	23	9	6	8	36	31	24
Darlington	24	9	6	9	38	36	24
Gateshead	23	9	5	9	48	40	23
New Brighton	24	7	8	9	26	35	22
Hartlepools	23	8	4	11	33	44	20
Bradford	24	7	6	11	32	44	20
Barrow	23	7	5	11	25	28	19
Wrexham	24	7	5	12	25	37	19
Halifax	24	7	5	12	35	51	19
Chester	25	5	2	16	28	52	18
Accrington	24	7	4	13	27	40	18
York	24	5	7	12	30	40	17

SCOTTISH LEAGUE "A"

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts.
Hibernian	15	13	1	1	41	14	27
Hearts	16	11	1	4	47	20	23
Rangers	14	11	1	2	20	15	23
Dundee	16	8	5	3	32	19	21
St. Mirren	17	7	6	4	35	25	20
Celtic	17	8	4	5	30	30	20
East Fife	14	7	3	4	27	21	17
Motherwell	17	6	4	7	33	32	16
Aberdeen	17	6	2	9	25	29	14
Clyde	17	6	1	10	26	46	13
Raith Rovers	17	5	2	10	29	39	12
Partick Thistle	16	5	1	10	26	28	11
Falkirk	16	5	1	10	27	46	11
Stirling A	16	5	1	10	21	37	11
Queen of the S	17	4	3	10	16	31	11
Third Lanark	16	3	2	11	19	41	8

SCOTTISH LEAGUE "B"

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts.
Morton	17	13	4	0	51	15	30
Airdrieonians	16	9	4	3	35	21	22
Hamilton	17	8	4	5	32	25	20
Dundee U	16	8	3	5	44	32	19
Kilmarnock	16	8	3	5	45	24	19
St. Johnstone	17	8	3	6	29	21	19
Queen's Park	14	7	4	3	26	23	18
Forfar	16	7	3	6	29	29	17
Cowdenbeath	15	7	2	6	25	23	16
Dunfermline	14	6	3	5	32	27	15
Albion R	17	5	5	7	25	31	15
Stenhousemuir	16	3	5	8	20	35	11
Arbroath	17	3	3	9	24	35	10
Ayr United	16	3	3	9	23	40	10
Dumbarton	17	4	1	12	21	38	9
Alloa	17	3	2	12	23	64	8

KCC scores again

"Robbie" Lee, popular KCC cricketer and a handy man with a mashie niblick, became the proud father of a baby boy which was born to his wife, Nora, at St. Paul's Hospital last night. Son's handicap: nine pounds.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, December 31.

The following were the results of football matches played today.

FIRST DIVISION

Villa	0	Newcastle
Burnley	1	Birmingham
Charlton	2	Fulham
Chelsea	2	West Brom.
Huddersfield	1	Everton
Liverpool	2	Arsenal
Manchester C.	1	Manchester U.
Portsmouth	1	Middlesbro
Stoke	1	Derby
Sunderland	2	Bolton
Wolves	3	Blackpool

SECOND DIVISION

Bradford	5	Hull
Bury	3	Blackburn
Chesterfield	1	Sheffield W.
Grimsby	6	Luton
Leicester	1	Brentford
Preston	0	Southampton
Queen's Park	2	Coventry
Sheffield U.	1	Barnsley
Swansea T.	1	Leeds
Tottenham	2	Cardiff
West Ham	2	Plymouth

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Aldershot	0	Swindon
Bournemouth	3	Notts C.
Bristol R.	1	Southend
Palace	0	Port Vale
Newport	6	Bristol C.
Northampton	2	Walsall
Norwich	1	Brighton
Notts F.	3	Millwall
Reading	3	Exeter
Torquay	4	Orient
Watford	6	Ipswich

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Accrington	2	Lincoln
Darlington	1	Rochdale
Doncaster	5	Southport
Gateshead	4	Chester
Hartlepools	3	Bradford
Mansfield	0	Rotherham
N. Brighton	1	Halifax
Oldham	2	Crewe
Stockport	2	Carlisle
Wrexham	1	Barrow
York	1	Tranmere

SCOTTISH LEAGUE "A"

Aberdeen	1	East Fife
Clyde	0	Hibernian
Hearts	4	Celtic
Motherwell	4	Third Lanark
Queen O'south	3	Partick Thist.
Raith Rovers	6	Falkirk
Rangers	2	Dundee
Stirling Alb.	1	St. Mirren

SCOTTISH LEAGUE "B"

Albion Rovers	1	Hamilton
Arbroath	1	Kilmarnock
Ayr United	1	Dunfermline
Cowdenbeath	5	St. Johnstone
Dundee United	0	Airdrieonians
Morton	3	Alloa Ath.
Queen's Park	0	Forfar
Stenhousemuir	1	Dunbarton

IRISH LEAGUE

Ards	3	Glentoran
Ballymena	0	Distillery
Coleraine	3	Cliftonville
Crusaders	0	Derry C.
Linfield	2	Glenavon
Portadown	1	Bangor

Reuter.

LAWN BOWLS

Yesterday's Seeded Wappinshaw at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club was won by the rink captained by J.G. Meyer, which got a total of 31 points. Results were:—

F.G. Dominy		T. Wren	
A.E. Grossmith		J. Moodie	
R.H. Browne		J.A.L. Pearson	
G.E.P. Thompson (Skip)	17	E. Greenwood (Skip)	23
C.F. Wood		A. Hutton	
T.J. Hemsley		A. Dodd	
J. McKelvie (Skip)	12	L. Collyer (Skip)	16
A. Carter		K. Johnston	
A.J. Hall		A. McInnes	
J.G. Meyer (Skip)	31	L. Sykes (Skip)	11

On Saturday, KBGC will meet USRC in a League lawn bowls match at Austin Road. The match will begin at 2.30 p.m.

On January 15, KBGC will play a team from the Hong Kong Defence Force in a lawn bowls encounter.

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